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With the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change beginning Monday in Copenhagen, Metro is examining some of the issues and concerns world leaders will be discussing at the event. Metro is also marking the convention by going green itself.

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China A toast, then down to business



Prime Minister Stephen Harper takes part in a toast with Wen Jiabao, premier of the People's Republic of China, following a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China Thursday. The premier gave Harper a public chiding for not visiting the emerging economic giant sooner. [More coverage, page 6.](#)

Summit security

Police mobilizing thousands for conference

In Denmark's biggest security operation since the Second World War, police are mobilizing thousands of officers and — for the first time — a water cannon for next week's UN climate summit.

Copenhagen police demonstrated the German-made 22-ton vehicle to media Thursday, showcasing it mainly as a beefed-up fire truck that could spray water on burning cars or trash bins if protests get out of hand.

But police spokesman Michael Engell said it was

"We do not want to be at war with anyone ... But we will act accordingly ..."

Per Larsen, police operations chief

possible to add tear gas to the 6,000-litre water tank, implying the cannon could also be aimed at rioting protesters.

Most demonstrations are expected to be peaceful manifestations urging world leaders to craft an ambitious climate agreement, but police say they are ready if things get rowdy.

"We do not want to be at war with anyone," Copenhagen police operations Chief Per Larsen said. "But we will act accordingly if something unacceptable happens. This is not a threat but consumer information."

Lene Vennits, one of the organizers of a planned demonstration on Dec. 12, criticized the police for de-

ploying a water cannon.

"It sends a signal that the climate summit is about violence," she said. "We plan to walk with candles on Dec. 12, and it doesn't mean the city is on fire."

The Bella Center conference facility on the outskirts of the capital has been turned into a fortress, sealed off by massive concrete blocks and two-meter-high metal fences.

More than half of the country's 11,000-strong police force will be on the streets.

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Ottawa behind on spending

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FUNDING The city is slightly behind on spending its infrastructure stimulus funds.

Ottawa was projecting to spend 25 per cent of the stimulus funding by March 2010, but Wayne Newell, director of the city's infrastructure services said that number will likely be less than 20 per cent.

As of October, the city had spent around \$15 million out of the \$398 million budgeted for infrastructure stimulus projects that must be completed before the end of March 2011.

As soon as the weather warms up again, spending on the 115 stimulus projects is expected to jump from less than \$15 million per month projected for April 2010 to a peak of around \$36.5 million in August.

While Newell said he's confident that all 115 projects will be completed by the March 2011 cut-off date, he identified four projects with "challenges" that will need to be overcome quickly.

Hazeldean Road is awaiting approvals for underground infrastructure from the Ministry of the Environment; the extension of Terry Fox Drive is awaiting federal approval of the environmental assessment and land acquisition for the southwest Transitway and the Hunt Club Road extension has to be negotiated.

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Official residences bedecked with trees

The Canadian Christmas Tree Growers Association has donated balsam firs to adorn the official residences in Canada's Capital Region during the holiday season. The National Capital Commission has installed the trees at Rideau Hall; 24 Sussex Drive; Harrington Lake, country residence of the prime minister; Stornoway, official residence of the leader of the Opposition; The Farm at Kingsmere, residence of the speaker of the House of Commons; as well as 7 Rideau Gate, Canada's official guest house.

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Vaccination bill for city likely to hit \$4 million

HEALTH When every Ottawa resident who wants the H1N1 vaccine has received it, the city's bill is expected to be at least \$4 million, the city's community and protective services committee learned Thursday.

To date, Ottawa Public Health has spent about \$2.5 million, and every city department is tracking expenditures. Provincial financial support for the vaccinations has not been fully clarified, a report said.

"We have been informed that the public health sector will be notified when a decision has been made and it is the province's intent to fund reasonable expenses ..." the report said.

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What's online today.

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Video Harper earns a rare public chiding from China for taking too long to visit at metronews.ca/canada

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Lights, torch to take centre stage

Christmas ceremony joins with arrival of Olympic flame in city

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While Christmas lights illuminate Ottawa every year, next weekend, there will be more than one thing to celebrate as Olympic fever hits the capital.

Held Sat., Dec. 12, the 25th annual Christmas Lights Across Canada illumination ceremony on Parliament Hill will coincide with the lighting of the cauldron when the Olympic flame is carried across Ottawa.

"Each year in early December, the NCC invites residents and visitors to gather at the Parliament buildings together to celebrate the illumination of Christmas lights," said National Capital Commission CEO Marie Lemay Thursday.

The Christmas Lights Across Canada program sees more than 300,000 lights at 70 sites in the capital alone, and hundreds of thousands more across the country, she said.

"The program celebrates the many traditions and values we have as Canadians cherished especially during that time of year," she said. "This is the opportunity of a lifetime and we're hoping as many Canadians as possible will come out ... when the torchbearer lights the



A week from Saturday, the 25th annual Christmas Lights Across Canada illumination ceremony will coincide with the arrival of the Olympic torch at Parliament Hill, and everyone is invited to take part in the festivities, said NCC CEO Marie Lemay.

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cauldron, I hope that Canadians can share in that pride, the pride in our country, pride in our achievements and pride in our capital region."

Events on Dec. 12 begin at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment, including a performance by Gregory Charles and a choir of 100 singers and an Aboriginal Hoop Dance. The flame proceeds

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and a performance of a Peace Tower carillon. Free hot chocolate and Beaver-tails will be served throughout the night.

Wellington Street will be closed for the event, with details to be announced at a later date.

The Olympic flame will be in the National Capital Region for four days. It arrives in Gatineau Dec. 11, Ottawa Dec. 12, heads to Pembroke Dec. 13 and leaves the region from downtown Ottawa Dec. 14.

4 affordable housing projects to get \$25.5M

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FUNDING There will be 233 new affordable housing units built in Ottawa next year.

As part of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program, chair of the city's community and protective services committee, Coun. Diane Deans announced four projects will receive \$25.5 million in federal and provincial funding.

The Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization will receive \$6.4 million for 64 new low-rental units. Three other organizations will receive money for housing for low-income seniors — the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre will receive \$5.4 million for 45 units; the Bruyere Continuing Care Affordable Supportive Housing will receive \$5.4 million for 45 units and the Eastern Ontario Christian Seniors Co-operative will get \$8.28 million for 69 units.

There are nearly 10,000 people on a waiting list for affordable housing in Ottawa.

Council adopted a city housing strategy in Nov. 2007. Since then, the city has added 298 units in 2008 and 209 units in 2009 and they are now planning for 233 in 2010.

"We're still applying for more," said Stephen Arbuckle, the city's housing manager. "We have a number of projects we could proceed with very quickly, as soon as we get funding."

Dec. 6, day to mark women's milestones: Prof

It happened 20 years ago, but Dec. 6, 1989 is a day that Monique Frize isn't ever going to forget.

As her first duty as the Nortel-NSERC Women in Engineering chair, Frize attended the funeral services for 11 of the 14 women killed by Marc Lepine in the Montreal Massacre at École Polytechnique.

nique. "I was so upset that these women, these wonderful women could be slain like this," she remembered.

Since then, Frize, a professor of systems and computer engineering at Carleton University and the author of a new book out this week — The Bold and the Brave, a history of women in science

and engineering — has worked to not only increase the participation of girls and women in math and science in education, the workplace and the association, but to make women's work as valued as men's.

Big strides have been made, but much is left to be done, she said. And Dec. 6

— the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women — is a day to mark the milestones of that change.

"When Dec. 6 comes around, everyone is wearing a white ribbon, there's a vigil and everyone will talk about it," she said.

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Local newscaster stepping down

BROADCASTING After 51 years in journalism, veteran newscaster and Ottawa icon Max Keeping is stepping down as vice-president of news and anchor of CTV Ottawa's flagship newscast, the company announced Thursday.

Keeping's last day is set for March 31. Graham Richardson will replace Keeping at the anchor desk alongside Carol Anne Meehan.

Keeping is a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario and was awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. He has received the Ontario Medal of Good Citizenship, a 2003 Gemini, and dozens of other awards.

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Blaine Bender, left, Bruce McConville, right, and Dana Clarke (not pictured) received Awards of Heroism from the city Thursday for resuscitating Andre Corriveau, centre.

Men lauded for heroism

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Andre Corriveau died at around 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, but thanks to Dana Clarke, Bruce McConville and Blaine Bender, it was only for a little while.

During an old-timers hockey game at the Earl Armstrong Arena, Corriveau collapsed near centre ice.

McConville immediately recognized that something was wrong and jumped the boards to help his teammate.

He found him not breathing and with no

pulse and along with Bender, the game's referee, he removed Corriveau's equipment and began CPR.

"After a few big puffs, I could feel Andre's chest expanding and he started to come to," said McConville. "But shortly after that, his eyes rolled back in his head, his chest started to palpitate a bit."

By then, Clarke, the rink operator, had arrived with the defibrillator. After delivering a shot to Corriveau, Clarke started chest compressions again.

For saving Corriveau's life, the city presented the three men with awards of heroism Thursday.

News in brief

ROBBERY Police are seeking assistance in identifying two suspects following a break-and-enter at a south-end pharmacy last week. In the early hours of Nov. 24, two suspects forced their way into a pharmacy in the 100 block of Tapiola Crescent. Anyone with information should call 613-236-1222, ext. 3435 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS). METRO OTTAWA

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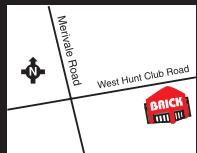
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Cabinet looking at Globalive decision

Authorities say a Canada Post employee was arrested after 75 filled-out passport applications collected by Human Resources Minister Diane Finley's office were allegedly stolen. Gatineau, Que., police say a 28-year-old man from the Gatineau area was arrested Nov. 6. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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What took so long? China leader asks PM

Harper chided for dragging feet on visit

In a surprisingly undiplomatic rebuke, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was publicly chided at a traditional Chinese welcoming ceremony Thursday for taking too long to visit the country.

The subtle but pointed rebuke came as the prime minister and his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, sat at a large oval table for talks following a military welcome at the cavernous Great Hall of the People.

With television cameras rolling, Wen noted that he and Harper had yet to meet and that no Canadian prime minister had visited China in five years.

He also reminded the prime minister that Chinese media was full of stories about the lack of attention paid to China by his government since being elected in 2006.

"Five years is too long a

Canada gets 'approved destination status'

- The biggest plum of the trip came when China notified Canada that it is being granted "approved destination status," something the Canadian

tourism industry has long requested. Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas said the agreement could be worth \$100 million to Canadian tourism.

time ... and that's why there were comments in the media that your visit should have taken place earlier," Wen said.

An hour earlier, President Hu Jintao twice emphasized that this was Harper's first visit at their private meeting. However, the prime minister did not let the comments slip by without a response. He pointed out that it had also been five years since the Chinese leadership had stepped foot in Canada.

Responding to a reporter's question, Harper said he hasn't changed his views, but that "more regu-

lar visits would seem to make sense."

The gentle prods seemed to confirm official media assertions, always an indication of the government's thinking, that the relationship had turned icy since Harper's election in 2006.

But while the Chinese government has given every indication of having taken offence over what it perceived as the Harper government's neglect, as well as attacks on China's human rights record, Hu and Wen made clear they are prepared to rebuild the relationship.

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Commons National Day of Remembrance



Members of Parliament and House of Commons staff bow their heads during a moment of silence to commemorate Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

Docs examine climate change impact

INDIGENOUS Elders pull the seal skins taut over the wooden frame, binding the pelts together as they construct a traditional kayak on the shoreline of one of Canada's most northern communities.

The group in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, sing and eat



as they talk about changes they've witnessed over the last several decades that have warmed their distant region and altered their native food sources.

The conversation is the focus of one of two Canadian documentaries being presented this week in Copenhagen along with other videos showcasing the effects of climate change on indigenous populations around the globe.

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News in brief

CLIMATE The uncertainty of U.S. climate-change legislation could force Canada to essentially revert to a discarded plan to fight global warming that the Conservative government first presented almost three years ago, Environment Minister Jim Prentice says. Critics say it is yet another Tory tactic to stall long-promised regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions on the eve of the global climate change summit in Copenhagen.

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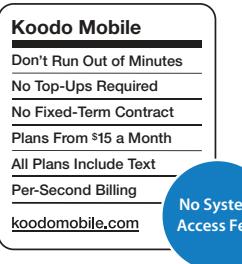
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GM resignation won't impact company: Clement
Minister Tony Clement says he doesn't expect the resignation of General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson to affect the company's Canadian operations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Feds set to dole out \$5B for housing

Federal and provincial housing ministers beginning two days of meetings Thursday in Ottawa are in the extraordinary position of having so much money they don't know what to do with it.

The federal government is in the midst of handing out an unprecedented \$5-billion pot of federal money for social housing needs and construction. Some provinces, especially Ontario, are also earmarking substantial sums towards housing.

For the first time in four years, the federal minister in charge of housing will meet face to face with her

Growing need

- The number of struggling families who spend more than 30 per cent of their income on housing has been on the rise over the past decade, despite the economic boom that preceded the recession.

provincial counterparts on Friday, in the hopes of hashing out the most effective way to spend it all.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said she is going into the meeting asking a pair of fundamental questions.

"Are we doing the right thing with it, and are we

doing it the right way?" Finley said in an interview.

"There has been no progress in reducing the amount of (social) housing needed in Canada in the past decade," said housing economist Will Dunning. "It has to do with lack of options for affordable housing." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Aglukkaq blasts Liberal senators

RECALLS Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Liberal senators have put the interests of industry ahead of health and safety with changes to a proposed consumer recall bill.

She was responding to a series of Senate amendments to Bill C-6 that would deny government inspectors the power to unilaterally order a recall of consumer items such as toys, baby cribs and food products without first consulting the manufacturer or distributor.

The amendments would also force inspectors to get a search warrant in some circumstances before doing a spot inspection of a business.

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Odette Tremblay celebrates with students and officials as she carries the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch in Quebec City. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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When famine hit Canada's north

Sometime in late February 1950, a Canadian photographer pulled a camera out of his parka, focused as best he could in the flickering lamplight inside an igloo, and pressed the shutter.

The resulting image — an Inuit mother, haggard from hunger, pressing her nose and lips to those of her youngest child — has become iconic.

But the story behind Richard Harrington's memorable print, and the many others he made around the same time, is less well known.

And that's what a show now on at the Winnipeg Art Gallery hopes to remedy.

"It's certainly long over due," said Darlene Wight, a curator behind the unique exhibit, which runs until March.

Harrington made six trips to the Arctic between 1948 and 1953. He often lived with the Inuit, who depended on the availability of caribou.

Harrington's 1950 trip came in a year that the



Photographer Richard Harrington's *Padlei, NWT, 1950*.

caribou didn't. And the result was famine.

As southern Canadians were welcoming a prosperous decade of suburbs and big-finned cars, many of their northern fellow citizens were starving to death.

Although Harrington's work is sold and exhibited at Toronto's Stephen Bulger Gallery, the Winnipeg show of 23 images is his first at a public art institution in Canada in more than two decades.

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MPs to whistleblowers: More Afghan data, please

AFGHANISTAN More secret info, please!

Opposition MPs are calling on would-be whistleblowers to send along more brown envelopes about the Afghan detainee issue.

Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh and Bloc Québécois MP Claude Bachand say they would like to see more leaks from bureaucrats unhappy with the government's handling of Afghans captured by the Canadian military.

"It's an honourable thing to do when a government is not telling you the truth, if you can find an ethical way with integrity to actually expose the lies that the government tells

"People who have a conscience, and find this is not right, it's time for them to say it's not right."

Claude Bachand

every day in the House," Dosanjh told reporters.

Said Bachand: "People who have a conscience, and find this is not right, it's time for them to say it's not right."

So far, government documents released have been heavily censored.

The Canadian Press saw unedited government documents that showed the

International Red Cross had voiced concerns.

Meanwhile, there are more calls for action:

International law expert William Schabas of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, and University of British Columbia professor Michael Byers say they are not satisfied with the government's explanations.

The two are lobbying for a full investigation at the International Criminal Court of potential violations of international human rights laws by Canadian officials.

Officials include former defence minister Gordon O'Connor and former chief of defence staff Rick Hillier.

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China gives tourism a boost

TRAVEL The tourism industry is applauding a decision by China to grant "approved destination status" to Canada.

The move was announced on Thursday in Beijing on the second day of Prime Minister

Stephen Harper's visit.

The status gives the Canadian industry a boost by permitting Chinese travel agents to market Canada as a vacation spot.

The industry has long been seeking the status, which officials estimate

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"This is a vital and historic announcement," said Randy Williams, president and CEO of the Ottawa-based Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

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The Liberals are anointing former Winnipeg mayor Glen Murray as their candidate to succeed Toronto Centre MPP George Smitherman. The openly-gay Murray had been considering a Toronto mayoral run. And it is openly-gay Smitherman's mayoral ambitions that opened up the prestigious legislature seat. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Harmonized MPs vote in favour of the HST

The HST is closer to becoming law in British Columbia and Ontario after the House of Commons voted in favour of the controversial new tax Thursday.

The Conservative government's motion was backed by the Liberals and

Bloc Québécois, setting the stage for the formal amendment of the Excise Tax Act.

The government is moving to fast-track the legislation, so it could be voted into law as early as next week.

Only New Democrats

"The Liberals are certainly speaking with one voice on the HST."

Michael Ignatieff

voted against the ways-

and-means motion, which passed 192-32.

But the fact that only 224 MPs were present to cast a vote in the 308-seat House spoke volumes about how gun-shy some members are of the harmonized sales tax.

Thirty-five Conserva-

tives, including 10 members of cabinet and the travelling prime minister, missed the vote.

The Liberals were short 28 MPs.

However, Leader Michael Ignatieff made a virtue of the fact no Liberal actually voted against tax harmo-

nization despite several threats this week.

"The Liberals are certainly speaking with one voice on the HST," Ignatieff declared.

The provinces are set to start collecting a combined GST and PST next July 1.

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Quebec reopens debate on assisted suicide

DEATH The Quebec government has agreed to reopen the euthanasia debate.

It announced it will host travelling consultations on the thorny question of assisted suicide.

It will first consult about 20 experts on the subject, and prepare a discussion paper that will help guide the discussions.

The government move comes in response to a request from the opposition Parti Québécois.

Assisted suicide is illegal in Canada.

But the government says it's okay to have a difficult conversation.

"I don't think there's any risk in launching a reflection," Health Minister Yves Bolduc said Thursday.

"It's a complex question and opinions are divided, but I think there's a consensus and that is that everyone would want to die with dignity and want their loved ones to die with dignity."

"Now we need to consider ways to make that happen and help improve people's situation."

He spoke after the PQ held a news conference Thursday to demand such a public consultation.

"People are suffering. Doctors want guidelines," said PQ member Bernard Drainville.

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News in brief

MISTAKE An Alberta government minister is apologizing after a briefcase containing sensitive government documents was stolen from his car while he was at dinner. A CBC Edmonton producer found the briefcase outside his apartment building. Sustainable Resources Development Minister Ted Morton declined an interview. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A Swiss court says a Brazilian woman charged with faking an attack by skinheads will have to appear in court Dec. 16. The Zurich district court said Thursday that Paula Oliveira is accused of deception of justice. Prosecutors have said they are seeking only a fine and not prison time if she is convicted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Karzai willing to talk to Taliban

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday he's willing to talk with Taliban chief Mullah Omar in a bid to bring peace to the country, if the move has the backing of the U.S. and its international partners. Karzai had previously offered to talk with the Taliban leader, but the Bush administration opposed such contacts. U.S. President Barack Obama has said the U.S. must "open the door" to Taliban members who abandon violence.

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Adapt or die: Climate experts



With the world losing the battle against global warming so far, experts are warning that humans need to follow nature's example: Adapt or die.

That means elevating buildings, making taller and stronger dams and sea-walls, rerouting water systems, restricting certain developments, changing farming practices and ultimately moving people, plants and animals out of

harm's way.

Adapting to rising seas and higher temperatures is expected to be a big topic at the UN climate-change talks in Copenhagen next week, along with the projected cost — hundreds of billions of dollars, much of it going to countries that cannot afford it.

Until recent years, experts avoided talking about adjusting to global warming for fear of sounding fatalistic or causing countries to back off efforts to reduce emissions.

Some biologists point to

how nature has handled the changing climate. The rare Adonis blue butterfly of Britain was headed toward extinction because global warming was making its habitat unbearable. Instead, it evolved longer thoraxes and wings, allowing it to fly farther to cooler locales.

"It's something that's been neglected, hasn't been talked about and it's something the world will have to do," said Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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Barack Obama's troop surge plan is similar to the Soviets' disastrous endgame, but can the U.S. actually pull it off? Scan this barcode for the full analysis.

But adaptation will be difficult because the rate of change is escalating, and humans will have to work harder to keep up, said U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Jane Lubchenco.

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India Salvaging what's left



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A young boy looks for recyclable material as endangered greater Adjutant Storks stand at a garbage dump on the outskirts of Gauhati, India, on Thursday. India will slow the growth of its climate-warming emissions over the next decade, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said Thursday.

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University to probe reports of altered climate statistics

NORWICH A British university said Thursday it would investigate whether scientists at its prestigious Climatic Research Unit fudged data on global warming.

Thousands of pieces of correspondence between some of the world's leading climate scientists were stolen from the unit at the University of East Anglia and leaked to the Internet late last month. Skeptics say the emails are proof that scientists have been conspiring to hide evidence showing that global

warming was not as strong as generally believed.

Phil Jones, the director of the unit, stepped down Tuesday pending the result of the investigation.

Thursday's announcement was the first acknowledgment by the university that the research itself would be under scrutiny. East Anglia said its review will "determine whether there is any evidence of the manipulation or suppression of data which is at odds with acceptable scientific practice."

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'Climate saboteurs' could be dangerous, British politician warns

GREENHOUSE Britain's climate change secretary urged countries Thursday to be wary of "climate saboteurs" seeking to wreck a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Ed Miliband, who will attend the international climate change talks that begin Monday in Copenhagen, said those challenging the mainstream scientific view on climate change are irresponsible and dangerous.

"I do think that we have to beware of the climate saboteurs, the people who want to say this is somehow in doubt, and want to cast aspersions on the whole process," Miliband told reporters.

Some British opposition lawmakers — including ex-Treasury chief Nigel Lawson — insist the case for man-made climate change is overstated.

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Car drags woman to her death

Nuns offer \$204M over abuse

Sisters of Mercy pledge largest sum of any of 18 guilty orders

A major Irish order of Roman Catholic nuns, the Sisters of Mercy, offered Thursday to pay child abuse victims, the government and charities a further \$204 million to compensate for decades of abuse in its schools and orphanages.

The compensation offer to the Irish Education Department is by far the largest from 18 orders of Catholic priests, brothers and nuns found guilty of chronic child abuse. They ran scores of residential schools, workhouses and

orphanages for generations of Ireland's most deprived children from the mid-19th century to the 1990s.

The Sisters of Mercy said in a statement it "wholeheartedly regrets the suffering experienced by the children in their care" and hoped this latest offer would show that its nuns were being "faithful to the values of reparation, reconciliation, healing and responsibility."

A nine-year state investigation in May ruled that all the orders permitted

14,000 More

than 14,000 abuse claimants worldwide want payments for their experiences as child residents of Catholic schools and orphanages in Ireland.

and covered up endemic rape, molestation, beatings and mental cruelty in their children's institutions.

The government responded by demanding that the orders pay much

more to help cover compensation payments to more than 14,000 abuse claimants worldwide.

The government confirmed receipt of the Sisters of Mercy offer but declined further comment.

Several other Catholic orders have already made smaller offers to the government and victims' support groups following the report.

Its findings of epic levels of cruelty and neglect fanned public fury against the Catholic orders.

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This Oct. 29 photo shows an Egyptian woman, right, wearing the niqab, which covers everything but the eyes, walking in Cairo.

Veils fan Egypt's Islam worries

CONTROVERSY When Egypt's government banned Islamic veils and all-encompassing robes in the dorms of public universities, it cited reports of men wearing the garb to sneak into the women's quarters.

But there was a deeper reason behind the move: an intensifying struggle between the moderate Islam championed by the state and a populace that is turning to a stricter version of the faith, whose most visible hallmark is the niqab — the dress that

covers the entire female form.

The debate has grown more heated since Mohammad Tantawi, the top cleric at prestigious Al-Azhar University, banned the niqab in classrooms and dorms on the grounds that it "has nothing to do with Islam," and that it was unnecessary since the college is gender-segregated.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry and religious authorities forbade nurses and preachers to wear the niqab. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

PARTY CRASHERS The head of the U.S. Secret Service said Thursday that the security breach at last week's White House state dinner was an aberration and U.S. President Barack Obama was never at risk, though he admitted mistakes were made. Mark Sullivan said three officers have been put on administrative leave. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cat cams show what pets do when home alone

LEISURE PURSUITS What do cats do when their owners are away? There was one way to find out — "cat cams." Fifty house cats were given collar cameras that took a photo every 15 minutes. The results put a dent in some human theories about catnapping.

Based on the photos, about 22 per cent of the

cats' time was spent looking out of windows, 12 per cent was used to interact with other family pets and eight per cent was spent climbing on chairs or kitty condos. Just six per cent of their hours were spent sleeping.

"What surprised me was how active the cats were. I believed my three cats

"What surprised me was how active the cats were."

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were sleeping during the day," said Jill Villarreal, an animal behaviour scientist who collected the data.

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Moscow, Vatican promise to improve ties

The Vatican says Pope Benedict XVI has met with visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, and Russian news media reported the two agreed to upgrade diplomatic relations. The meeting followed a recent thaw in relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Holy See. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Somali pirates, weapons seized in Dutch raid

Outlaws identified from photos taken by crew of merchant ship

The Dutch navy captured 13 Somali pirates and seized a weapons haul off the coast of Oman after the pirates attacked a merchant ship, Dutch authorities reported Thursday.

Armed pirates on speed-boats tried to board the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged BBC Togo, but were repelled after firing on the vessel.

Defence ministry spokesman Robin Middel said "it didn't go easily for the pirates" because the BBC Togo had taken precautions such as barring stairwells with barbed wire.

The pirates then fled to a larger fishing boat, 280 kilometres south of the western town of Salalah, where a Dutch frigate captured them Wednesday evening, Middel said.

"A large amount of weapons were discovered on board, among which were AK-47s, rocket-propelled grenades, ammunition, boarding hooks and ladders," the ministry said.

The pirates were arrested and are being held on the HMS Evertsen, Middel added. They are believed to be Somalis.

The Dutch frigate is leading a European Union naval force to protect food shipments to Somalia and combat piracy.

Middel said officials had identified the men captured on the fishing boat as those who had attacked

the BBC Togo using photographs taken by the merchant ship's crew.

Those photos could also make it possible to prosecute them. "Most of the time it's difficult to identify pirates, but this time you have pictures and eyewitnesses," he said.

The EU has agreements with Kenya and the Seychelles to turn over captured pirates to them, and

the pirates could face prosecution in one of those countries, the Dutch statement added.

Two Tanzanian fishermen said the pirates had held them hostage for months and used their boat as a floating operations base, the statement said. The Dutch navy returned the fishing boat to the Tanzanians.

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Exchange student makes final statement in murder trial

JURY American exchange student Amanda Knox has made her final statement to the Italian court trying her for the murder of her British roommate. She said she fears having the "mask of an assassin" placed on her.

Knox addressed the court Thursday before the eight members of the jury go into deliberations. Speaking Italian, her voice breaking as she fought back tears, Knox said she is trying to remain calm even though she is "disappointed, sad and frustrated" over the two years she has spent in jail.

Knox and her former boyfriend, Italian co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito, have been jailed since just after the 2007 slaying of British student Meredith Kercher. Both deny wrongdoing in the incident, which has been closely followed in European media.

Kercher was found dead, her throat slit, in the apartment she shared with Knox in the central Italian town of Perugia. The defendants are alleged to have slain Kercher as part of a drug-fuelled sexual assault.

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News in brief

VETERAN Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Jack Pitchford, a fighter pilot who survived seven years in the notorious prison camp known as the "Hanoi Hilton," has died at 82 of a brain tumour. Pitchford was shot down over North Vietnam in 1965 and taken to Hoa Lo prison, where many prisoners, including U.S. Sen. John McCain, were held and tortured. Pitchford was freed in 1973.

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Americans turning inward

Americans are turning away from the world, showing a tendency toward isolationism in foreign affairs that has risen to the highest level in four decades, a poll released Thursday found.

Almost half of respondents, 49 per cent, told the Pew Research Center that the United States should "mind its own business" internationally and let oth-

er countries get along the best they can on their own. That is up from 30 per cent who said the same thing in 2002.

Results of the survey appear to conflict with President Barack Obama's activist foreign policy, including a newly announced buildup of 30,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan to fight al-Qaida and Taliban extremists.

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Crime-fighting funds promised by U.S. are slow to reach Mexico, report finds

KICKER The U.S. ambassador to Mexico said Thursday that programs to provide more than \$1.1 billion in equipment and training to help Mexico fight organized crime are on track.

Ambassador Carlos Pascual's comments followed the release of a government report showing only about \$24 million of the aid had been spent by September. Congress appro-

priated the first \$400 million for Mexico as part of the Merida Initiative in June 2008.

Pascual said expenditures had increased several times since the report was completed and noted that five new helicopters would soon be delivered to Mexico. The report blamed bureaucracy, among other factors, for the delays.

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Family claims Kentucky woman lived to be 122, tying world record

LONGEVITY Experts are investigating whether a woman who died recently in Louisville, Ky., was 122, as relatives claim. Shukhrat Aliyeva was born in Georgia, in eastern Europe. Her birth date is listed in state ID as Jan. 1, 1887. If this is true, she would join Frenchwoman Jeanne Calment as the world's oldest person whose age was certified by official documents.

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Bomb blast kills 22

Somalian graduation the target

A suicide bomber disguised as a woman attacked a graduation ceremony in Mogadishu, Somalia, Thursday, turning a rare reason to celebrate into carnage that killed at least 22 people, including medical students, doctors and three government ministers.

The blast — blamed on Islamic militants who have shown a rising ability to carry out sophisticated large-scale bombings against high-profile targets — highlighted the inability of Somalia's government to protect the section of the capital it controls.

"Today should have been a day of celebration, not mourning," said Somalia's ambassador to Kenya, Mohamed Ali Nur. "The hopes of many parents who eagerly awaited their sons'



A young man injured in a suicide bomb blast Thursday in Mogadishu, Somalia, is carried to safety.

graduation were recklessly dashed." Several hundred people had gathered in the Shamo Hotel to watch the 43 medical, engineering and computer science students from Benadir University receive their diplomas, when the blast ripped through the ballroom.

The attack targeted one of Somalia's most important efforts to extricate itself from anarchy and violence. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but suspicion fell upon al-Shabab, which has carried out past suicide attacks.

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Business

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Comcast to buy NBC

Comcast Corp. announced Thursday it plans to buy a majority stake in NBC Universal for \$13.75 billion US, giving America's largest cable TV operator control of the Peacock network, an array of cable channels and a major movie studio.

Although the deal could mean that movies could reach cable more quickly after showing in theatres, and that TV shows could appear faster on cell-phones and other devices, it was already raising concerns that Comcast would wield too much power over entertainment.

If the deal clears regulatory and other hurdles, Comcast would rival The Walt Disney Co. — which Comcast CEO Brian Roberts already tried to buy.

Comcast, which already serves a quarter of all U.S. households that pay for TV, would gain control of the NBC broadcast network, the Spanish-language Telemundo and about two dozen cable channels, including USA,



Movies and TV shows, such as Jay Leno seen in this promotional NBC poster in New York, could come more quickly to cable.

Syfy and The Weather Channel.

It also would have regional sports networks, Universal Pictures and theme parks.

In agreeing to buy 51 per cent of NBC Universal from General Electric Co., which has controlled NBC since 1986, Comcast hopes to succeed in marrying distribution and content in a

way Time Warner Inc. could not.

AOL and Time Warner are undoing their ill-fated marriage Dec. 9.

Comcast pledged that NBC Universal shows that now cost money over its cable video-on-demand service would be free for three years. But consumer advocates worry about the deal, saying people could end up

paying more for TV.

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Jazz Air reaches new tentative labour contract with union

DEAL Jazz Air LP said Thursday it has reached a new tentative labour contract with the union representing its customer service

and aircraft services employees, after two previous deals were voted down by union.

The revised agreement,

reached after talks with a federal conciliations officer, must be voted on by about 950 union members. In November, the employ-

ees voted 56 per cent to reject an agreement reached on Oct. 27. They had also rejected a settlement in August. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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WestJet expects new system to impact fourth quarter

REVENUE WestJet Airlines Ltd. expects the ongoing transition to a new reservation system will have a negative impact on its fourth-quarter passenger revenue, which is expected to be at least 11 per cent below last year.

The Calgary-based airline made the statement Thursday morning while releasing November traffic results, which showed a load factor down slightly from record highs last year as growth in capacity outpaced growth in traffic.

The new reservation system, which WestJet launched in mid-October after several delays, had affected the airline's levels of service with implementation issues dragging on longer than expected.

"Currently, our revenue

New programs

• WestJet said it will be launching a new Frequent Guest and Credit Card program after the holiday travel season is over to boost its service levels back to its previous highs.

per available seat mile for the fourth quarter of 2009 is tracking to an anticipated year-over-year decline of 11 to 13 per cent," said Sean Durfy, WestJet's president and chief executive officer.

Available seat miles, or ASMs, are a measure of an airline's fleet capacity while load factor refers to how much of the capacity is used for carrying passengers.

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Housing sales to recover: Report

REAL ESTATE Residential real estate sales should recover in almost all major Canadian cities by the end of 2009, while average prices should post new records in an improved economic climate, according to a new housing report.

The Re/Max Housing Market Outlook survey for 2010 predicts the uptick in sales will be lead by an anticipated 45 per cent in-

crease in Greater Vancouver, while Ottawa and Quebec City are expected to hit historic highs in the number of homes sold.

The report also says average prices are expected to improve in 65 per cent of markets as economic performance picks up.

The report examined residential real estate trends in 23 markets.

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Failed bank plans to give execs big bonuses

Royal Bank of Scotland, which racked up the biggest corporate loss in British history last year, plans to give executives bigger bonuses this year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Bernanke up for 2nd term as U.S. Fed chief

He angered Congress and the public for bailing out Wall Street. He failed to detect early signs of the housing collapse. And now, he may be helping feed another speculative bubble.

Yet Ben Bernanke is all but certain to win Senate approval for another term as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

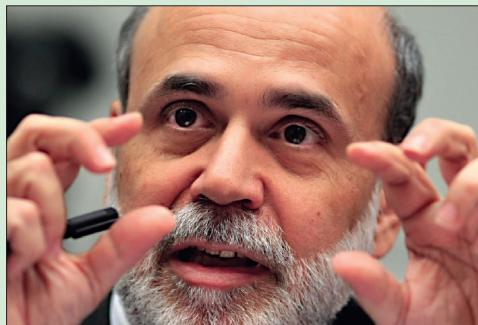
Why?

Mainly because even his critics concede that Bernanke helped keep the Great Recession from becoming a second Great Depression.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who nominated him to a second term, has said he thinks Bernanke has the knowledge and ability to guide a lasting economic recovery. So do many on Capitol Hill.

Bernanke, 55, appeared Thursday before the Senate Banking Committee, seeking confirmation for another four years as head of the nation's central bank.

Despite their attacks on the Fed as a too-secretive institution that's failed as a regulator, many lawmak-



Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke is credited with keeping the Great Recession from becoming a second Great Depression.

ers express confidence in the economic stewardship of its current leader.

A soft-spoken consensus-builder, Bernanke conjures up the image of the scholarly professor he was for years. Privately, Bernanke has forged relationships on Capitol Hill that have helped solidify his standing.

On the one hand, for example, Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd wants to eliminate the Fed's supervisory powers because its regulators failed to spot and combat abuses that triggered the

housing crisis.

Yet on the other hand, Dodd says Bernanke has ably managed the financial and economic debacles. Without Bernanke's bold moves at the height of the financial crisis last year, Dodd and other lawmakers have acknowledged that it likely would have worsened.

Drawing on lessons learned as a scholar of the Great Depression, Bernanke rolled out a slew of bold and unprecedented programs to help ease credit clogs and spur lending.

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CIBC says profits up 48 per cent

BANKING CIBC reported Thursday that profits were up 48 per cent in the fourth quarter, but its chief executive warned that higher loan losses are likely to continue into the new year as the Canadian jobs market remains weak.

The Toronto-based bank reported net income of \$644 million or \$1.56 per share for the quarter, despite coming at the tail end of a recession. That was up from year-ago profit of \$436 million or \$1.06 per share. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadian Solar to invest \$24M in solar panel facility

ENERGY Canadian Solar Inc. says it will establish a manufacturing facility in Ontario to build solar panels.

The company, based in Kitchener, Ont., says the \$24-million project will create 500 direct jobs and supply electricity to the equivalent of 60,000 homes per year.

No decision has been made on where the plant will be located — the company says it is starting a site selection and approvals process.

Canadian Solar says it expects to make decisions about the plant site, cost and ultimate size in the first quarter of 2010.

The company says once completed, the facility will be one of the largest solar panel manufacturing sites in North America.

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A dog day afternoon in the city

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If you were asked in which Canadian city a dog appeared before a hearing of a quasi-judicial human rights body this week, Ottawa would be a good guess — and entirely correct.

Dee-O-Gee, a chihuahua

belonging to Carleton Place resident Alex Allarie, was at the heart of an Ontario Human Rights Tribunal hearing here. Allarie argued that Dee-O-Gee, who helps him with his anxiety and depression, counts as a service animal, equivalent to, say, a seeing-eye dog, and hence is authorized to accompany him inside businesses.

Ottawa is not only home to many tribunals, but also many dogs. While 29,000 are registered, the city estimates another 73,000 to 97,000 live here off the

record. (Perhaps it is dog owners who require obedience training.)

I'm aware that there are also many Ottawa cats, and cat people, the prime minister's family among them, and in most North American cities, cats outnumber dogs three to one. Certainly it's much easier to find a quick can of cat food than of dog food at the corner store.

But most urban felines are shut-ins, glimpsed on windowsills, if at all. Dogs are the ones we see on the streets, taking part in urban

life. It's a complex environment, rife with traffic, crowded sidewalks and tantalizing distractions from the hotdog cart to the ubiquitous squirrel, and yet the typical city dog navigates it with remarkable street smarts.

It's not uncommon to see them padding alongside their humans sans leash, or waiting more or less patiently outside stores for errands to be completed. Some establishments are more enlightened than others. My friendly neighbourhood video store not only

welcomes dogs inside but keeps Milkbones on-hand, so mine's now a bit of a cineaste. (Thanks to the complexities of the modern family, I have custody of a dog on weekends).

Dogs are social animals, even when Ottawans are not. A lot of daily life in this oft-stuffy city seems to involve pretending the next person isn't there. The dog is an excuse to crack that reserve, smile at dog, nod at owner and move on, or even ask a quick question about breed or age. Presto! You've talked to a stranger.

None of which is to say human-canine relations always run so smoothly. A couple of years ago, one little varmint came charging across a park barking at me for no reason I could discern, and promptly bit my leg just above the knee. His horrified owner assured me this behaviour was unprecedented, which was small consolation. On balance, though, I've had worse run-ins with humans.

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Views

Why Copenhagen summit is a big deal

Martin
Atkin

WWF International

You're going to be hearing and reading a lot about Copenhagen in the next couple weeks. Every day you open your newspaper or switch on the television news it's going to be up there in the main headlines. So why is Copenhagen such a big deal?

It's a big deal because it affects all of us. Climate change isn't just something that happens to other people. Those melting glaciers and raging forest

fires may seem a long way from where you're sitting reading this on a bus or train on the way to work, but they're happening on somebody's doorstep. Maybe you're lucky enough not to be directly affected — yet. But you will be.

Over the next two weeks, Metro will be featuring some of the creatures around the world already suffering because of global warming. Some of them may be familiar — polar bears struggling on the melting Arctic sea ice, or delicate coral reefs killed off by warmer oceans. But there's one

species that stands to lose more than most if climate change isn't brought under control — humans.

We're already seeing the terrible consequences of runaway global warming. Many thousands of climate refugees forced to flee their low-lying coastal homes from India to the Pacific islands. Bush fires causing millions of dollars of damage every year from Australia to California. Hurricanes of increasing severity and frequency battering cities from New Orleans to Taiwan.

Climate change could wreck the global economy. It destabilizes food, water

and energy supplies, and makes it more difficult for us to pull out of recession. That's a direct threat to our jobs, homes and security. And all the time the cost of doing nothing is going up — a cost that has to be borne by all of us.

That's why Copenhagen matters to us all. The great and the good meeting over the next fortnight have the power to lead us into a clean, sustainable future or into ever-more catastrophic global warming. Big deal? You bet it is!

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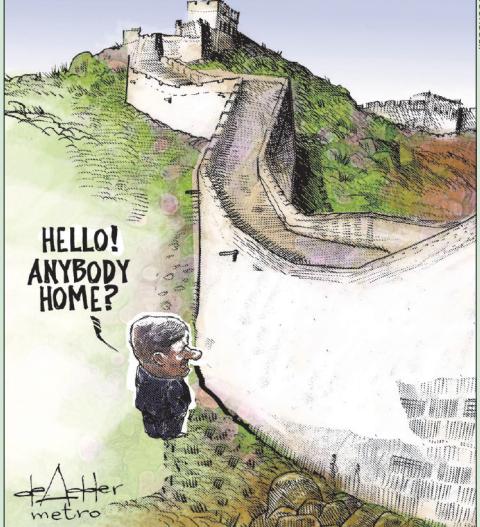
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Shanahan takes job with NHL

Brendan Shanahan didn't stay retired for long. The three-time Stanley Cup champion was named the NHL's vice-president of hockey and business development Thursday, less than three weeks after ending his 22-year playing career. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Mauresmo retiring

Two-time Grand Slam champion Amelie Mauresmo retired from tennis Thursday, saying she no longer had a burning desire for competition. The 30-year-old Frenchwoman, a former top-ranked player who finished the season at No. 21, said she doesn't have the will to keep playing at the highest level. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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2010 dreams hinge on making the team

Field of Play



Scott Russell

With exactly 10 weeks to go until the home Olympics, many of Canada's athletes haven't booked their tickets to Vancouver and Whistler. To be considered medal contenders, they have to

make the team.

All over the world, trials by fire are occurring with glory hanging in the balance. Past performance means little and there's always disaster lurking to derail any Olympic dream. Just ask John Kucera, the reigning world downhill ski champion, who broke his leg in a crash at Lake Louise and thus ended his hopes of a gold medal.

"It's what we sign up for," shrugged Francois Bourque, Kucera's teammate who had witnessed the fall. Bourque himself missed all of last season due to injury. In 2006 at the Torino Games

"Past performance means little and there's always disaster lurking to derail any Olympic dream."

he finished a narrow fourth in the giant slalom. This time he's guaranteed nothing.

"It's part of the game. It's what we live with," Bourque reckoned.

In curling the finest teams in the land are assembling in Edmonton to conduct a super tournament from which only two will emerge. The fact that Kevin Martin and Jennifer

Jones have dominated the sport for the last four years is irrelevant. So is the Olympic silver medal Martin won in 2002. Becoming the Canadian representative in Vancouver will be the toughest task of all.

At the World Cup of speedskating in Calgary the powerhouse nations will dash in an Olympic preview. Canada has many stars in the mix. But in the

men's 500M sprints the most successful racer of all-time, Jeremy Wotherspoon, hasn't qualified. He'll be hard pressed to make amends for his stumble at the start line in Salt Lake City and it will have to be at another distance.

In Europe Canadian bobsleigh athletes like Heather Moyse of PEI still don't know if they've got a seat in the sled — this in spite of the fact that Moyse missed a podium spot in Torino as the brakeman for Helen by hundredths of a second.

Moyse told a community fundraiser in Charlottetown recently that as an aspiring

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takes nothing for granted. "People call me an Olympian," she explained.

"I say I'm just like everyone else. I'm just somebody's neighbour with a job to do."

Indeed, for Moyse and all the others the most difficult mission may be making the Olympic cut in the first place.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

NFL Showdown in Toronto



Buffalo Bill Lee Evans makes a catch and is tackled by New York Jet Lito Sheppard during the first quarter of an NFL Football game at the Rogers Centre in Toronto on Thursday. For game results, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Tiger's display of imperfection shows downside of hero worship

Tiger Woods was different, or so he seemed, with his unmatched talent and carefully burnished image. Unlike some pro athletes, he had welcomed being a role model. He was, it turns out, too good to be true, and his fall from grace calls into question the very idea of sports hero worship.

"No one has approached this level of perfection on and off the playing surface, maybe ever, without a single blot or tarnish," said Dave Czesniuk, director of operations for Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

"The real story here is the meeting of expectations with reality," Czesniuk said. "The guy's a human being and we forget that."

Woods' apology Wednesday for unspecified "transgressions" — coinciding with reports of marital infidelity — was only the latest in a long sequence of superstar downfalls.

Michael Phelps was photographed with a marijuana pipe. Marion Jones had her Olympic medals stripped



A pile of magazines featuring Tiger Woods.

for doping that she long denied. Roger Clemens and Alex Rodriguez faced dual allegations of steroid use and adultery. And so on.

Woods, however, was unique — a globally recognized brand name that evoked impeccability and historical greatness. His sponsors and handlers, his admiring chroniclers in the media, and especially Woods himself contributed to the image-making.

"The public had become jaded and indifferent — they expected Barry Bonds and Marion Jones and Sammy Sosa to fall," said psychologist Stanley Teitel-

baum, author of *Sports Heroes, Fallen Idols*.

"But no one really expected that of Tiger Woods," he said. "Now that it happens to him, people are not as indifferent — there's more disappointment and more disillusionment."

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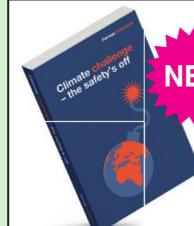
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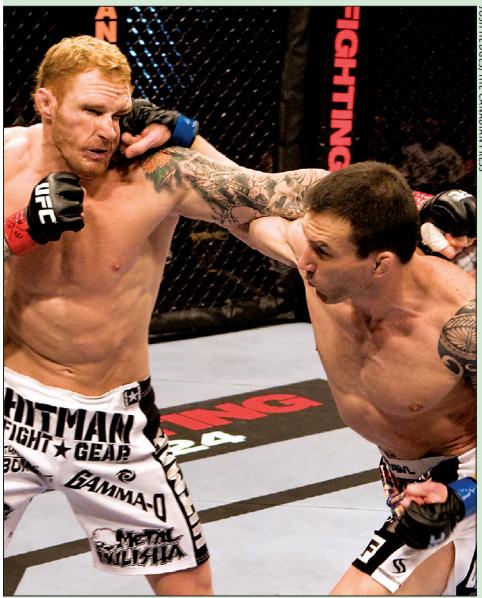
Climate challenge – the safety's off

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Canadian middleweight Jason (The Athlete) MacDonald, left, takes a shot from Nate Quarry at UFC 97 on April 18, 2009, at the Bell Centre in Montreal. MacDonald, who has lost four of his last five fights, is looking to improve on Friday in MFC 23.

Something to prove

Jason (The Athlete) MacDonald isn't much for looking back. Which is probably wise when you have lost four of your last five fights.

But the 34-year-old middleweight from Red Deer, Alta., firmly believes he is a better mixed martial arts fighter than his recent record suggests. And he plans to prove it Friday night against (King) Solomon Hutcherson at MFC 23 in Enoch, Alta.

"I personally feel like you never do yourself any good if you dwell on the negative stuff," MacDonald said.

"If I dwell on those lost fights and can't get past that, then it's impossible to move forward."

"If you fight the top-level guys and have as many fights as I do, you're bound to lose a few. We see lots of guys out there lose a couple of fights and rebound."

"I don't think that's any reflection of what kind of fighter I am or what calibre I'm

at," he said of his recent run.

"I've had a little streak of bad luck."

MacDonald may also be partly to blame. For a while, he seemed determined to live or die by his standup skills, which are not his forte. In some fights, he also showed an inclination to ignore the game plan when the cage door shut.

Hutcherson (11-5) may be just what the doctor ordered. MacDonald (21-13) says Hutcherson's camp turned down the fight when it was first offered, suggesting the American changed his mind because he thought the time was right to face MacDonald.

"If that's the

"I'm still very much in the game and very much focused."

Jason MacDonald

case for this fight, then he's sadly mistaken," MacDonald said. "I've dropped a few to tough competition but I'm still very much in the game and very much focused."

The main event at the River Cree Resort and Casino in suburban Edmonton showcases former UFC middleweights Thales Leites (14-3) and Dean (The Boogeyman) Lister (11-6) in their MFC debuts.

The Leites-Lister winner will likely meet the MacDonald-Hutcherson victor for the MFC 185-pound title.

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Post-season football to see tighter security

ENFORCEMENT Law enforcement officials — not tailgaters — were getting stoked Thursday outside Land Shark Stadium, rolling out an impressive display of equipment to protect Miami's post-season football trifecta: the Orange Bowl, Pro Bowl and Super Bowl No. 44.

The message was not subtle: anyone, terrorist or otherwise, plotting an attack on any of these high-profile events had best

think again.

A swath of the stadium parking lot was filled with armoured SWAT vehicles, bomb-handling robots, mobile command posts, explosive-sniffing dogs, even a large X-ray device used by the U.S. Homeland Security Department to screen ocean-going shipping containers.

The Super Bowl, to be played this year on Feb. 7, is annually designated a special security event re-

quiring ramped-up protection.

This year, officials added the Jan. 5 Orange Bowl and Jan. 31 Pro Bowl because they're being played at the same venue.

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A New Jersey Nets fan holds up a sign during the Wednesday's game against Dallas.

More trouble may be in store for Nets

NBA They are off to the worst start in NBA history, and the New Jersey Nets might not have hit bottom yet.

"There's going to be a few more weeks of adjustment, unfortunately," outgoing interim coach Tom Barrise said.

How much lower can they get?

New Jersey was pounded into NBA infamy Wednesday night, falling 117-101 to the Dallas Mavericks for its 18th straight loss to start the season.

The Mavericks made 17 of 19 shots and opened a 27-point lead in a nearly flawless second period, burying the Nets early in former New Jersey captain Jason Kidd's second trip back to his old home.

The Nets passed the 1988-89 Miami Heat and 1999 Los Angeles Clippers, who both dropped their first 17 games. New Jersey's next chance to end the streak comes Friday at home against Charlotte.

"At this point, I feel the streak has definitely got-

ten the best of us. It's really not starting to get to us now," guard Chris Douglas-Roberts said.

"So when a team goes on a run, we kind of, it's almost like we give up, which is really unfortunate but that's what it looks like to me. We kind of give up and just lay down instead of trying to fight."

The NBA record for longest single-season skid is 23 games, shared by the Memphis Grizzlies and Nuggets.

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"I think the fact that he is laid back will help him," Lloyd said. "Not a whole lot of things bother him."

With Jake Delhomme sidelined with a broken finger on his throwing hand, Moore is preparing to take over the Panthers' struggling offence Sunday against Tampa Bay. It'll come after a long wait in a career that's required patience.

He didn't start in high school until his senior year, changed colleges,

Moore finally gets shot at QB for struggling Panthers

NFL Wearing his baseball cap backward, Matt Moore walked into the Carolina locker-room Thursday and immediately began joking around with his golfing buddy, kicker Rhys Lloyd.

If Moore was nervous that he's about to make only his fourth career start and his first since 2007, he sure wasn't showing it.

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He works hard and comes prepared. We just want him to be extremely prepared this Sunday," Hoover said.

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Extension for Bengals

The Cincinnati Bengals got a 24-hour extension to sell out their game against Detroit on Sunday and avoid a local television blackout. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Scandal no stranger to world of sports

PERRY LEFKO
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Tiger Woods is not the first high-profile athlete whose image and, potentially career, has taken a beating because of scandal, sexual or otherwise.

There are many superstars whose fame turned to infamy because of an incident.

Here's a look at some other examples of athletes, active and retired, who fit into the category of good guys gone bad or, in the care of one, Mike Tyson, bad to worse:

KOBE BRYANT: He had good looks, great game and star status playing in the basketball mecca of Los Angeles.

It took a sexual scandal to rock Bryant's world. In the summer of 2003, the Lakers star found himself accused of rape by a hotel employee in Colorado.

A year after the announcement of the original charges, the prosecu-



Kobe Bryant

tors dropped the case. Bryant settled a civil suit out of court.

Ultimately, Bryant admitted to a tryst in a public pronouncement, accompanied by his wife.

MIKE TYSON: He was a street thug who packed a powerful punch. He turned pro in 1985 and became the first to claim the heavyweight titles from the World Boxing Council, World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation at the same time.

Tyson's rise to greatness plunged when he lost his title to mega-underdog James (Buster) Douglas in 1990. That became overshadowed by a charge of sexual assault levied against him in July of 1991 by the reigning Miss Black Rhode Island, who accused him of rape.

Tyson was convicted, given a 10-year sentence and released after three years.

PETE ROSE: Known as Charlie Hustle during his career as one of the best

baseball players of the '70s, Rose was accused in 1989 of betting on baseball while managing the Cincinnati Reds.

Pete Rose denied the charges, but was ultimately banished from the game.

He eventually confessed to betting on games but never against the Reds.

ZINEDINE ZIDANE: It took one dramatic incident for Zidane, one of only two three-time Players of the Year of the Federal Internationale de Football Association, to have his image altered, though not ruined.

Playing for his native France Zinedine in the final Zidane of the 2006 World Cup Final against Italy, Zidane head-butted Marco Materazzi in extra time because of verbal taunting and insults. Italy won in a shootout.



Sports in brief

WOODS A lawyer for a New York woman who has denied having an affair with Tiger Woods cancelled a news conference that had been scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles. Lawyer Gloria Allred's office said in a statement that the news conference was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

BASEBALL Placido Polanco returned to the Philadelphia Phillies Thursday, agreeing to an \$18-million US, three-year contract. The 34-year-old free

agent won Gold Gloves at second base for the Detroit Tigers in 2007 and this year will shift to third base.

UFC Having failed to make an impression in the cage during The Ultimate Fighter reality TV show, Kimbo Slice gets another chance Saturday night when he takes on Houston Alexander on the live Season 10 finale card in Las Vegas.

NHL Looking to the future, the surging Chicago Blackhawks signed three of their top players — Jonathan Toews, Patrick

Kane and Duncan Keith — to lucrative contract extensions Thursday. Kane and Toews, both 21, signed five-year deals worth \$31.5 million US each. Keith, a defenceman, got a 13-year contract worth \$72 million.

SOCER Juventus president Jean-Claude Blanc has made a written appeal to fans urging them to behave properly and avoid racist taunts during Saturday's highly anticipated game with Serie A leader Inter Milan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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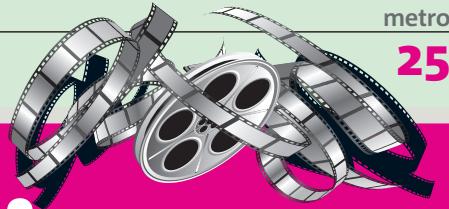
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Gimme a kiss!



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Disney's first-ever African American princess hit screens across the country this weekend with *The Princess and the Frog*.

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Fairy tale adds colour

Anika Rose voices Disney's first African-American princess

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Movie feature

hasn't been a black face in that lineup.

But as a child watching Disney films, Rose doesn't necessarily remember noticing the absence of lead characters of colour. "I didn't necessarily feel deprived. I was just watching the movies and loving them," she says. "I do remember wondering to myself if there would ever be a Chocolate Brown after seeing Snow White."

"It will mean different things to different people," Rose says of the impact Tiana will have. "For my nephew, it will be the norm. He will think nothing of it. It will be his first princess, period. For my

mother, it'll be something she's been waiting for — and her child, no less. For my grandmother, it will be something she never thought would've happened."

As for Rose herself, she says she's just thrilled to be involved in one of Disney's lavish animated musicals. "This is something that I always dreamed of doing," she says. "I didn't dream of being a princess. I could've been a dandelion and I would've been really happy."

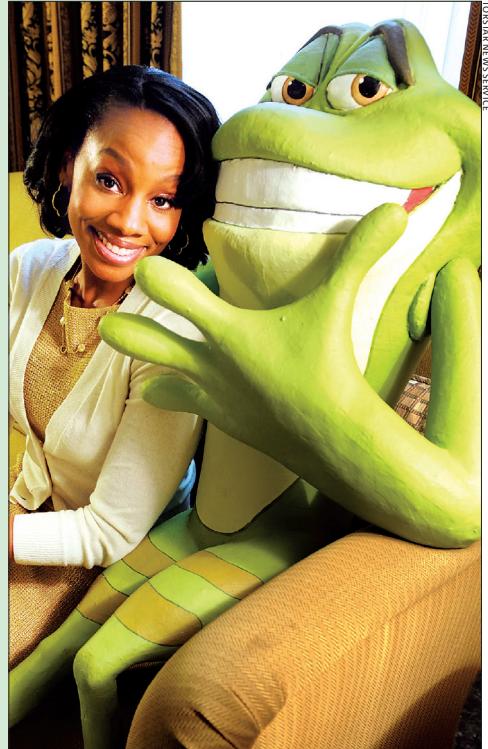
An admitted "Disney geek," Rose was just as excited the film's return to traditional hand-drawn animation as she was about its cultural significance. "When you look at the bayou, you can see the humidity in the air," she

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says. "It is hazy and warm and moist and thick with it. And I that's something that CGI hasn't quite managed to capture."

And while the first African-American Disney princess is sure to be viewed as a role model of sorts, Rose is more than happy to dodge that label herself — one of the benefits of voicing an animated character. "If they want to see Tiana as a role model, I think that's brilliant because her story is finite," Rose explains. "She's not going to turn the corner and fall out and have 20 children. It's not going to be the type of situation."

Anika Noni Rose lends her voice to Disney's first ever African-American princess in *The Princess and the Frog*.#1 COMEDY IN CANADA!
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Brothers measured drama

Brothers

Director: Jim Sheridan
Stars: Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman
Classification: 14A
Rating: 

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Brothers should be an overly sentimental drama that gratingly begs for Oscar recognition. After all, it is a story of forbidden love and post-traumatic stress disorder, populated by a cast of young Hollywood stars. The film should have a "movie of the week" quality with glossy production values.

But surprisingly Brothers is a very quiet and earnest little film that never goes the easy route emotionally. It might not be a masterpiece, but director Jim Sheridan has turned in a better movie than Brothers had any right to be.

The film stars Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhaal as (you guessed it) two very different brothers. Maguire appears as an honoured army captain and Gyllenhaal plays his fresh out of prison ne'er do well brother.

When Maguire is captured in Afghanistan, his

Natalie Portman and Tobey Maguire star in *Brothers*.

family is told he's dead and Gyllenhaal steps in to take care of his shattered family, befriending his daughters and possibly getting a little too close to his wife (Natalie

Portman).

Maguire eventually returns a changed man after his horrific experience and his family can hardly recognize him. This path has been tread before, but Jim Sheridan makes it work by perfectly casting his actors against type to defy expectations, while also keeping the family drama slow and simmering.

There are few Oscar-clip ready emotional outbursts, but when they do appear the scenes at least feel organic to the piece.

Brothers is a remake of the Danish drama *Brødre*

and Sheridan manages to Americanize the story with minimal Hollywood gloss.

Maguire is shockingly good as a shell shocked POW and Gyllenhaal is surprisingly believable as a damaged ex-con. Sheridan is clearly playing with their movie star images here and the experiment works quite well.

The final scenes might veer too far into sentimentality, but overall this is an awards season drama that manages to delicately explore touchy subject matter and tug on the heartstrings without falling into the trappings of overblown melodrama.

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Everett's advice

Rupert Everett is advising young actors to stay in the closet if they want a good career. "The fact is that you could not be, and still cannot be, a 25-year-old homosexual" trying to make it in film business, the 50-year-old told The Guardian. IMDB.COM



Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Dillon's dream come true

Actor works with Hungarian director in Armored



Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes star in Bad Lieutenant.

Lieutenant unusual

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

Director: Werner Herzog

Stars: Nicolas Cage

Classification: STC

Rating: *****

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The big screen marriage of Hollywood heavyweight Nicolas Cage and German arthouse eccentric Werner Herzog may seem odd on paper, but the final product is even odder, a joyous wallow in pulp excess that stands alone.

Borrowing part of the name and theme of Abel Ferrara's bizarro 1992 existential exploitation film (that boasted the most unhinged and hair raising of Harvey Keitel's performances), Herzog's Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans is hypnotic, violent and occasionally, laugh out loud hilarious.

Cage stars as Lt. Terence McDonagh, a cop who already treads the line of

corruption and bad taste until a horrific drug-related massacre — and a bout of agonizing back pain — sends him spiraling into a vortex of substance-soaked self medication and generally hideous, antisocial behavior.

Although on the surface, Bad Lieutenant may seem like Herzog lite, the very fact that film is trying to pass itself off as something even marginally mainstream makes it perhaps the most offbeat work in the director's oeuvre.

Those cynical cineastes who have written off Cage as a blockbuster baiting hack need to go back into the vaults and revisit the actors defining, early work. Fare like Vampire's Kiss, David Lynch's Wild at Heart and Raising Arizona showed that when a filmmaker gives Cage the right material, and stands well back, he can burn the screen up with operatic aplomb, riffing maniacally like a cacophonous jazzman but always maintaining a kind of wounded emotional core.

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Matt Dillon has worked with an array of accomplished directors that includes everyone from Francis Ford Coppola to Gus Van Sant to Cameron Crowe. But there's one filmmaker that I bet you'd never have guessed might be on the actor's dream list: Nimród Antal.

Nimród who?

"He's a force — that's the first thing that comes to mind," said Dillon recently of the little-known Hungarian who helmed the 2003 subway-themed festival hit Kontroll. "I thought that Kontroll

was just an unbelievable, exuberant film really. It's just inspired and so I was predisposed to work with him."

Now with Armored hitting theatres today, audiences will get to witness the collaboration between Dillon and his aspiring director. While its impossible to predict the partnership will pay off, the thriller does show promise as Dillon plays the chief of

Armored
opens in
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today



Matt Dillon gets to play both sides of the law in Armored.

an armoured car crew that plans an elaborate caper to rob the very treasure he's supposed to be guarding.

"It's funny because it seems like an amped up thing — these guys set out to pull off this \$42 million dollar heist and you might think, 'oh, that's a little far-fetched' but it's really not," insisted Dillon. "While we were in pre-production, the director came up to me and said, 'hey,

check out this (newspaper) article' and it was an article in which there had just been an inside job armoured car heist ... so there is a kind of basis in reality."

Once Dillon realized one of the criminals had even been named Dylan (close call!), the coincidence only assured the cast their film was on the right track.

Another indication they were in good territory — the casting of Dillon as a peace officer. After all, although the 45-year-old ac-

tor is often typecast in that role, it certainly paid off with an Oscar nomination in Paul Haggis' 2004 drama Crash.

"I'm either playing a cop or I'm on the other side of the law," laughed Dillon, suggesting that he at least gets to play both in Armored.

"I think that's the way it goes with action movies — you've always got to raise the stakes a little bit and that's what's going on here."

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Persistent Entertainment is planning on turning comic *The Piper* into a film, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The movie will concern a bullied high school band student who channels the spirit of the Pied Piper. ew.com

Reel Time

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★ GOOD; ★ FAIR; ● POOR

Brother vs. brother recipe for drama

InFocus



Richard Crouse

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In the movies often the only thing brothers have in common is a last name. Creating conflict between siblings makes good dramatic sense and it's a practice that harkens back to the very first set of brothers. Would the story of Cain and Abel have as much biblical oomph if the boys got along? I don't think so.

So it is with Tommy and Sam Cahill, played by Jake Gyllenhaal and Tobey Maguire, in this weekend's *Brothers*.

In the great tradition of movie siblings they're polar opposites; Tommy is an ex-con, Sam is a Marine Captain and former foot-

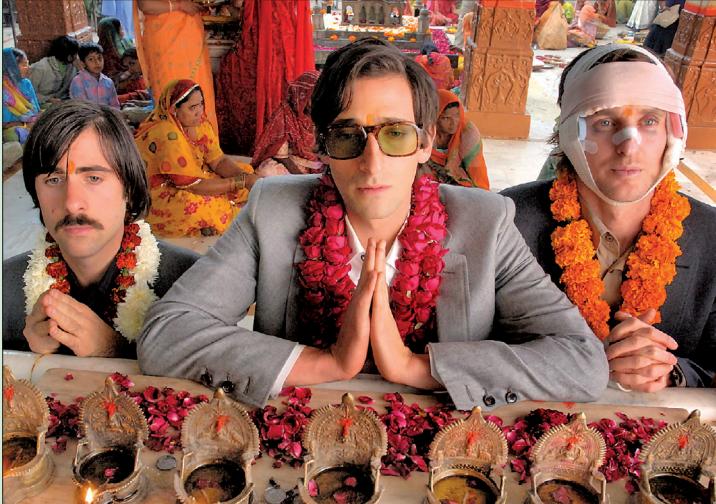
ball star. You get the idea. But will Tommy go all Cain on Sam?

You'll have to buy a ticket to find out, but in the meantime here are some other movie brothers who turned out differently than mom and dad may have hoped.

Ricky & Doughboy Baker (Morris Chestnut and Ice Cube) from *Boyz N the Hood* are opposites, but when Doughboy takes revenge on the people who killed his brother it proves that blood, and bloodshed, is thicker than water.

In *The Darjeeling Limited* Jack (Jason Schwartzman) asks his brothers Francis (Owen Wilson) and Peter (Adrien Brody), "I wonder if the three of us would've been friends in real life? Not as brothers, but as people."

Good question. You couldn't find a more diverse trio: Francis is a compulsive sad sack, Peter a bundle of manic energy and Jack a collection of



In *The Darjeeling Limited*, Jason Schwartzman, from left, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play brothers with completely different personalities out on a trip across India.

jangled nerves. They may never be friends, but by the end of a road trip in India they can at least tolerate one another.

"When brothers agree,"

the old saying goes, "no fortress is so strong as their common life." But when they disagree, look out.

Just ask Fredo Corleone.

The Corleone boys each brought something different to the *Godfather* trilogy, but it is the "kiss of death" scene in part two between the kindhearted

"Would the story of Cain and Abel have as much biblical oomph if the boys got along? I don't think so."

Fredo (John Cazale) and the ruthless Michael (Al Pacino) that gives new meaning to the term sibling rivalry.

"I know it was you Fredo," Michael says. "You broke my heart."

Siblings may not get along but it takes a real grim brother to order a hit on his younger brother.

In *Go West* Chico Marx summed up the relationship most of these on-screen brothers share.

"You love your brother don't you?" he's asked.

"No, but I'm used to him," he replies.

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Music

Furtado, k-os, pay tribute to Neale

PEOPLE Victoria songstress Nelly Furtado and Toronto hip-hop artist k-os are among a star-studded group who have been announced as performers at a celebration of late Jack-soul singer Haydine Neale.

Keshia Chante, Divine Brown, Luke McMaster and Justin Nozuka are also scheduled to perform at the concert, which will be held Monday at Toronto's Phoenix Concert Theatre.

Neale died of lung cancer on Nov. 22.

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Decade changed music

iPod, YouTube among innovations that forever altered the industry

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With just 28 days to go in the first decade of the 21st century, we still haven't figured out what to call the last ten years. The Zeros? The Noughts? I asked my grandfather for a little guidance on what they did 100 years ago, but he was

born in 1910, so he apologizes for not being of much help.

Whatever the case, 'tis a time of reflection and wonder. On Dec. 4, 1999, there was no such thing as Red Bull, PVRs and the Toyota Prius. We could still visit the observation deck at the World Trade Center and shop at Pets.com. Our airline tickets were still made of paper and we were scared our computers might not cope with the switch over to 2000 and launch some nukes by mistake.

The changes in music

since then have been seismic.

Napster (Introduced June 1, 1999): Offered to 30 acquaintances by 19 year-old Shawn Fanning, it gave free file-sharing to people who wanted more music than they could afford to buy. Despite their aggressive litigiousness, the recording industry has been irrevocably changed.

iTunes (January 9, 2001): While the record labels were arguing over what to do about digital downloads, Steve Jobs stepped in with an el-

egant a la carte 99-cent-per-track solution. iTunes is now the biggest single retailer of music in the world.

Wikipedia (January 15, 2001): Once upon a time

we had to rely on quickly outdated magazines and books for information on our favourite music. Then Geocities-hosted fan sites became repositories of valuable information. Allmusic.com is still excellent, but it can't beat Wikipedia for speed when it comes to updates.

The iPod (October 23, 2001): Unveiled in the post 9/11 fog, the original

Mac-only iPod was exponentially better than any of the MP3 players that had come before it. And because they had already accepted iTunes, the record labels didn't go to war with Apple over it.

YouTube (February 2005): MuchMusic and MTV used to be the primary sources for music videos. Today, they barely bother. Meanwhile, search for just about any song or any video on YouTube and you'll almost certainly find it instantly. Google, YouTube's parent (they bought it for \$1.65 billion in November 2006) boasts they get a billion views a day.

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Milman takes love easy

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

The eclectic Sophie Milman calls jazz and Canada her two constants.

After a whirlwind tour around the world, the Toronto-via-Israel-via-Russia chanteuse will be in Ottawa on Tuesday in support of her third album, *Take Love Easy*, a collection of covers that include jazz, swing and contemporary classics such as Cole Porter's *Love For Sale*, Bruce Springsteen's *I'm On Fire* and Paul Simon's *50 Ways To Leave Your Lover*.

Expect to hear the aforementioned songs among the many subdued covers to which she'll apply her sultry, husky vocals. It's Milman's modus operandi and it has worked well so far in the five years since she launched her self-titled debut. She's sang to packed houses all over the world, including the Kennedy Cen-



Sophie Milman plays the Library & Archives Canada on Dec. 8.

ter, the Hollywood Bowl and New York's Blue Note Club. She also won a Juno Award for 2007's *Make Someone Happy* after it broke into the top 5 on Billboard jazz chart.

As for scribing her own tunes? Forget it for now, says Milman. She's perfectly comfortable applying

her own style to previous works.

"My husband says I can't rhyme," she laughs. "And that's pretty important. I haven't really been driven to write and I don't want to force things. When artists force things, it reflects in their work. I like to let things play out or-

ganically. I'm not saying I wouldn't attempt it, but I haven't had the desire to try. And I really believe that jazz has a real art to interpretation. It's really difficult to take well-known songs and make them convincing."

Fair enough then, she'll stick to the covers, and one of her favourites is the much covered *Bein' Green*, a song originally sung by long-suffering Muppet Kermit the Frog which makes an appearance on *Make Someone Happy*. The song, she says, is an allegory for her life. Milman spent a great deal of her childhood in Israel as an immigrant from the Soviet Union, where she developed a passion and a talent for jazz.

Growing up as a foreigner (Jewish herself), Milman notes the Soviet Union looked somewhat disparagingly at any citizen who wasn't of pure Russian stock), Milman felt alienated until the family

moved to Canada, where she used her music to build friendships and a professional career.

"Story of my life, that song," she says. "But it all worked out in the end for me, just like it did for Kermit. I found my Rainbow Connection."

TOP 10 RINGTONES

1. Tik Tok Ke\$ha
2. French Kiss David Guetta
3. Replay Jason Derulo
4. Watcha Say Jason Derulo
5. Owl City Party In The USA
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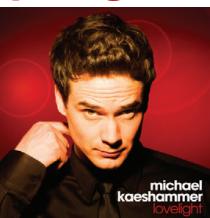
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Auf der Maur is back in business

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It's been five years since Melissa Auf der Maur — the Montreal-raised Hole and Smashing Pumpkins bassist — released any solo music.

It wasn't supposed to take this long, there was some music ready to go, but the faltering music industry held her back. "I have literally been busy fighting lawyers and record companies," she says on the phone from a small town in upstate New York.

Basically, her label, she says, "crumbled" and her "record was trapped in the system." She could have thrown in the towel, but instead she tapped into her visual arts background, and made a movie, a comic book, an interactive website, and, finally, a new album. The projects are all based around one tune — the trippy rocker *Out of Our Minds*, which is out now. (A full album will be released in 2010.) The film, *Auf der Maur* explains, is a "fantasy, time travel film."

"The song is the heart of the record," she says. "It's literally a cry to travel out of our minds and into a heart, which is the story of the film. It's about a woman who is on the hunt for a heart and travels through time. It's a visual epic, with car crashes and bleeding trees." Auf der Maur also wrote the firm score — with A Perfect Circle bassist Paz Lenchantin — which she says was "liberating."

The comic book puts the film into pictures, an idea she got from her hero Glenn Danzig who has a comic book line, while the

A photograph of a woman with voluminous, curly red hair. She is wearing a black leather jacket over a sheer, light-colored top with a subtle pattern. She is standing with her arms crossed, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright yellow wall with large, bold black text that is partially cut off on the right side. The visible text includes 'YOU', 'IDS', 'O!', and 'like it w', as well as 'Pa', 'where', and 'ma' on the bottom right.

Former Hole and Smashing Pumpkins bassist Melissa Auf der Maur tapped into her visual arts background, and made a movie, a comic book, an interactive website, and, finally, a new album.

“Music is definitely the heart of all this.”

Melissa Auf der Maur

website will “allow people to continue to experience this in different ways,” she explains.

Developing all these ideas wasn't easy. She actually had to mortgage her two houses (she's got one in upstate N.Y. and one in Montreal) to pay for everything. "That's the way I do things," she says. "I believe

But, despite the cost, Auf der Maur knew she had to do something different with her career.

While she can now be called a comic book author, a filmmaker and even a web producer, she's still most excited by making music. "If I had to pick one mode of communication to express something to the masses, it would be a three-minute song. No question," she says. "To communicate furthest and widest it's going to be music. Music is definitely the heart of all this."

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One of the ways that indie record labels are making money is by booking tours for their artists.

Indie record labels are branching out

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"We're moving from being a record company to becoming a music experience company."

Geoff Kulawick

don't think it's that much of a stretch if you're a management company to have in-house booking or other music-related businesses."

"It's a necessity," adds Geoff Kulawick, president of Burlington-based Linus Entertainment, True North Records and The Chilidren's Group.

Kulawick, who launched a booking agency under the True North banner in 2008 to promote such developing label artists as Lynn Miles, Catherine MacLellan and Madison Violet, says a hands-on approach to careers is essential these days.

"We can't be operating in the music space and sell only one aspect of it," he says. "We're moving from being a record company to becoming a music experience company, and any-

thing that's connected to the music experience that we can monetize, we want to be there."

Nishimura, whose company has expanded to include a stake in digital retailer Zunior.com and handle the business affairs of musicians, says the Internet has fragmented audiences to a point where marketing can be a challenge.

"With the Internet, people have exposure to every single artist around the world all at the same time, so it is just difficult to stand out from the crowd," says Nishimura.

At the same, Nishimura says the potential opportunities through the still-evolving digital market are limitless: "There are so many different ways that digital revenue comes in."

These companies aren't alone. In July, publicly traded Somerset Entertainment Income Fund, a Toronto-headquartered specialty music label formed on the backbone of the late Dan Gibson's groundbreaking nature recordings, purchased digital music retailer Puretracks for \$3 million.

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Television



Toronto-born Caterina Scorsone beat out 500 other actresses to play the lead in the upcoming *Alice in Wonderland* miniseries.

Alice packs a punch in Wonderland

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



The new Alice in Wonderland isn't some blond girl getting bounced from adventure to adventure. She's a horse-riding, judo-trained twentysomething brunette who doesn't take bull from no Queen or Cheshire Cat.

"Oh god. There was a lot of running, and flying, and

fighting and falling into lakes," says Caterina Scorsone, who stars in this adult reworking of the Lewis Carroll classic.

"It's probably day-for-day, the most physical thing I've been involved with."

The Toronto-born Scorsone — whose credits include TV series like *Power Play*, *Crash*, and the upcoming *Mel Gibson* film *Edge of Darkness* — isn't

sure how she beat out 500 actresses for the coveted role of Alice. Truth is, she didn't even meet director Nick Willing (*Tin Man*) till the project was close to filming.

"I guess Nick had

been turning over every rock looking for an Alice. I put some-
thing to tape and sent it into

their offices.

He saw it and I

was flown in to meet him.

Four days later I got the part. It was great that it was so quick. I didn't have time to be intimidated."

Feeling intimidated must have been hard to avoid on the B.C.-shot *Alice*.

The miniseries features a supporting cast that includes Kathy Bates, Harry Dean Stanton, Colm Meaney and Tim Curry.

"I think what attracted all these talented people was the script. We knew going in it was fantasy sci-fi, so there would be a lot of special effects and green screen. But the actual story and characters were strong enough on the page that you wanted to do it."

Now based out of Los Angeles, the 28-year-old Scorsone frequently makes it back to Canada, where she first got

her start as a kid actor on — get this — *Mr. Dressup*.

"That was a healthy way to start out an acting career. I'd just show up and sing and dress-up. It wasn't

some dark, brooding drama," she laughs.

"Sometimes it feels like I work more in Canada than the U.S. Which is fine. Toronto is one of my favourite cities in the world."

The two part Alice airs Sunday and Monday night on Showcase.

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	218	345	18	CHCH	Cellular ** (2004, Suspense) Kim	Basinger, Chris Evans.	No Contest ** (1994, Action) Andrew "Dice" Clay.		20/20 (HDTV) (N)	News		
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Celebration of Disney	Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)	FOX 2 News (N)	News		
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Dollhouse "The Public Eye; The Left Hand" (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				
	500	500	33	CNN	CNN Tonight (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)					
	406	417	27	net	Skating	Best Damn Top 50 Special	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	Sportsnet Connected	Prime Time			
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes	Les Grands reportages	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal		
	400	280	30	TSN	NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards.		SportsCentre	That's Hockey	SportsCentre		
	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	A Scanner Darkly *** (2006, Action)			
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonic Chancy	Nancy Drew *** (2002, Mystery)		Snow Dogs ** (2002, Comedy), Sisqó	Man Who Saved C'mas			
	551	542	65	YTV	Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh (2008, Comedy)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird Sorry	Adrenaline		
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami			
	628	584	32	SPKE	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	Unleashed			
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Law & Order: UK	Cra\$h & Burn	
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)	Canada's Worst Driver	Man vs. Wild "Belize"		Biblical Mysteries Explained	Daily Planet		
	581	566	53	MTV	Over the Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	From the Hills to the City	The Hills	The City	MTV Live	
	522	506	55	HIS	Battles BC	Cold Blood	When Disaster Strikes	Cities of the Underworld	Cities of the Underworld	Go Deep		
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	HEAT	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/5/09	265	353	2	TVO	Herod's Lost Tomb	Dominick and Eugene *** (1988, Drama) Tom Hulce.		Interviews (N)	Pauline and Paulette (2001)			
	211	331	3	GTv	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada	Mistaken (2008, Suspense) Lana Parrilla.		News Final (N)		
	209	342	6	CHRO	OPFA Help Santa Toy Parade	The Magician's House: Secret Cavern (1999, Fantasy)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Whistler (DVS)	BravoFACT	
	196	311	7	CTV	Shrek/Halls	Corner Gas	Anne of Green Gables: A New Beginning (2008, Drama) Shirley MacLaine. (DVS)			Most Amazing		
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins. From TD Garden in Boston.	NHL Hockey: Flames at Sharks						
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Parks-Recreet	The Incredibles *** (2004, Adventure) Voices of Craig T. Nelson.			News		
	-	362	13	CBS	Football	The Insider	Happy Feet (HDTV) (N)	CSI: NY "Help" (HDTV)	48 Hours Mystery (N)	CSI: NY		
	216	395	14	OMN2	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	Once Upon a Time in Toronto	Once Upon a Time in Toronto	My Backyard	Spirit of Art	Most Amazing	
	214	344	15	CITY	My RONA Home	(DVS)	Glen Martin	Out There	Thrills (2005, Horror) Suri Baru, Leah Cairns. (DVS)		News	
	218	345	18	CHCH	Shine *** (1996, Drama) Geoffrey Rush, Justin Braine.		No Contest II ** (1995, Drama) Shannon Tweed.			News at 11		
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News (Saturday)	College Football Big 12 Championship -- Nebraska vs. Texas. From Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.						
	-	365	36	FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)	Wanda Sykes		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		America's Most Wanted		Newsroom	Black, Amer.		
	406	417	27	net	English Premier League Soccer	Portsmouth vs. Burnley.	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV) (Live)					
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	La Sofi	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages	La Facture	Le Téléjournal	
	400	280	30	TSN	30 for 30 (HDTV)	NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (HDTV) (Live)			SportsCentre		
	554	544	48	TEL	Jack Frost ** (1998, Fantasy)	Mark Keaton.		Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han, Montana	A Dog of Flanders *** (1999, Drama)	Willy Wonka & Chocolate		
	551	542	65	YTV	(6) (Blizzard) (2003)	Funnest Home Videos		That's-Weird Sorry	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline	
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami		
	628	584	32	SPKE	The Ultimate Fighter		The Amazing Race 15	The Amazing Race 15	The Invasion (2007, Science Fiction)			
	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard	The Christmas Choir (2008, Drama) Jason Gedrick.						
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Canada's Worst Driver	Time Warp	Deadly snakes	Criss Angel	
	581	566	53	MTV	LTV	Over the Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	MTV Live	Cribs	Cribs	
	522	506	55	HIS	Ultimate Engineering	Cities of the Underworld	Nixon *** (1995, Biography) Anthony Hopkins. Powers Boothe.					
	603	561	95	FN	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Dear Food Network (N)	Chopped	Top Chef All Stars Dinner	The F Word		

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12/6/09	265	353	2	TVO	Centre of the Earth	Adopt Me Please (N)	Roughies (2008, Documentary)		Empire of the Word			
	211	331	3	GTv	Prod. Parker	King of Hill	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters	News
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)		The Italian Job *** (2003, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg.		Comedy Now	In Fashion		
	196	311	7	CTV	Cold Case "Forensics"	The Amazing Race 15	Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Flashpoint		News	
	208	303	8	CBC	Heartland (N)	Happy Feet *** (2006, Adventure) Brittany Murphy		CBC News: The National (N)	five estate			
	-	360	9	NBC	NFL Football	Night in America	(8:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals. (HDTV) (Live)	Conviction Kitchen (HDTV)		News		
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 15	Cold Case "Forensics"	NICIS: Los Angeles		CSI: Miami		
	216	395	14	OMN2	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	To Be Announced	Aaram		Ariang Korea	Of Blessings	
	214	344	15	CITY	NFL Football	Survivorman	Extreme Makeover: Home	My RONA Home (DVS)	Conviction Kitchen (HDTV)		News	
	218	345	18	CHCH	Mickey Blue Eyes ** (1999, Romance-Comedy)		Miss Congeniality *** (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock.			News at 11		
	-	361	20	ABC	Funnest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News		
	-	365	36	FOX	NFL Football	The OT	BCS Selection	The Simpsons		Sportsnet		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom					Stars of Salt	Sportsnet	
	406	417	27	net	NFL Football	Sportsnet	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Anaheim Ducks. (HDTV) (Live)					
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Tout	Alimentation	Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir	Regard	Le Téléjournal	
	400	280	30	TSN	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals. (HDTV) (Live)					
	554	544	48	TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority Rules 6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell High	Rick & Steve	John Callahan
	557	540	51	FAM	Life	Zoey 101	Ernest Saves Christmas (1988, Comedy)		(10:31) Babes in Toyland			
	551	542	65	YTV	Dog Saved Christmas	SpongeBob	Family Biz (N)	Smallville "bulletproof"	Survive This	Ghost	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami
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	616	521	39	SHO	Crash & Burn	Alice (2009, Adventure) Caterina Scorsone.		Weeds	Found.	Kenny-Spenny		
	520	505	42	DIS	DishyBusters		Touching the Void		MythBusters		A. Bourdain	
	581	566	53	MTV	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Catching Up: Teen Mom	Real World-Road Rules	1 girl 5 gays		
	522	506	55	HIS	Ancient Discoveries	The Hangman's Graveyard	The Green Mile *** (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant		
	603	561	95	FN	Challenge (N)	Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America				

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California choppers set to churn up the TV pavement next fall

Sons of Anarchy fans left hanging after Tuesday's climatic Season 2 finale can rest easy — the FX drama has been renewed for a third season. The series, about a California outlaw motorcycle gang, is scheduled to return in September 2010. TVGUIDE.COM

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A vampire living in La-La Land

True Blood actor Alexander Skarsgård sets up shop in Hollywood

KATRINA MATSSON
Metro World News

"There's not a single young girl that I know in Hollywood that I have not been paired with ... if I get into a taxi with a girl, suddenly we're married."

Alexander Skarsgård

Alexander Skarsgård has a tan. That's what happens when you're living in Los Angeles, he explains. He is still looking for an apartment in Venice Beach, where friends from True Blood Stephen Moyer and Anna Paquin, already live.

"It is one of the few areas in Los Angeles where you can actually walk around. I'm used to my friends living only a few blocks away and meeting in local bars and I miss that," says the True Blood star.

After having played "the tall blond hunk" in enough movies in Sweden, Skarsgård moved to Hollywood where he landed roles in HBO war drama Generation Kill and vampire-based hit series True Blood.

Since the move, he has gone from unemployed to celebrity.

positive stuff and your ego sort of swells up and explodes."

The rumours about Alexander's love life are rampant, and he's been linked to co-stars Evan Rachel Wood and Kate Bosworth.

"There's not a single young girl that I know in Hollywood that I have not been paired with.

"But that's what happens if I get into a taxi with a girl, suddenly we're married."

So far, he's convinced fame and fortune have not changed him.

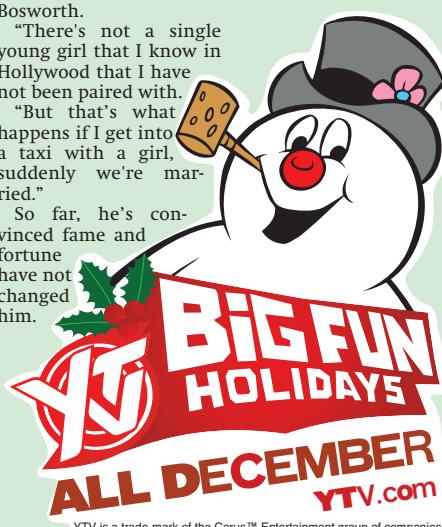
And the attention is intense across in California, he said.

"You drive everywhere in L.A., so you sit protected in your little bubble of steel."

"But after season two of True Blood I noticed quite a big difference. Of course I see that stuff is written about me, but I never read fan sites and blogs. I don't think it's good for me," he said.

"If it is negative, I know that it will weigh on me or else you only read the

"Nothing would hurt me more than if someone told me that I'd changed. But I do not think so. I was still over 30 when things started to happen for me in the U.S."



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Alexander Skarsgård, originally from Stockholm, Sweden, plays vampire Eric Northman in the popular HBO series True Blood.

Alexander Skarsgård on ...

- Kate Bosworth, co-star in Straw Dogs: "She is incredibly strong in this film. She really threw herself out there and took a risk. I have lot respect for her, not that many beautiful Hollywood babes would dare to. She is a super smart, cool girl!"
- Evan Rachel Wood, co-star on True Blood: "She is really one of her generation's best actresses, terribly clever. I think she'll become one of the greatest of her generation."



Heather Locklear returns to Melrose Place, bringing a familiar face to a new cast.

TV networks try out different formulas to gain viewers

MONICA WEYOUTH
Metro World News

Some shows have it easy — one look at Joan Holloway wiggling across the office, and you're tuning into Mad Men for the rest of the season. But what if you're one of the many spin-offs, supernatural dramas, or crime shows that debuted this fall? How do you wiggle and hook an audience? Some clever strategies are behind the frontrunners — and lacking in the others.

BE SMART WHEN SPINNING

OFF When NCIS opened a Los Angeles office, the drama had an audience waiting. Not only did it follow the original on Tuesday nights, but a second show was believable.

"Clearly, there's an appetite for CSIs and Law and Orders and NCIS. These things feel organic," says Dan Manu, site director of TelevisionWithoutPity.com. "It's conceivable that there are more police stations, more cases."

As for the new Melrose Place, audiences had to make a leap with new stars and producers 17 years after the original. "They're

going with the Hail Mary pass in bringing in Heather Locklear," says Manu. "But with the younger audience they're going for, how many people even know who Heather Locklear is?"

TIMING CAN MAKE OR BREAK

We might have fallen for the Glee kids without slick marketing moves, but airing the pilot after American Idol didn't hurt. "Fox did something really smart," says Mickey O'Connor, senior editor of TVGuide.com. "That audience really gets into the music."

As for ABC's The Middle, O'Connor predicts it might go down with the less successful Hank, which the half-hour comedy shares an hour timeslot with.

STICK TO THE RECIPE If you want to stand out among the hordes of supernatural shows, you better do it right. Vampire Diaries took a tried and very true path: bloodsuckers, an established book series, high school drama.

"It had a built in audience," says O'Connor. "The same thing happened with True Blood — the readers tuned in."

The long view

Just because a show makes all the right moves in Season 1 doesn't necessarily mean it will live past its infancy. Tasha Oren, Associate Professor of English and Media Studies at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee cites Web streaming as cutting into profits, and also points out that trend-driven, teen-centric shows such as Glee and Vampire Diaries aren't even designed to stick around.

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Lily Allen is taking a two-year break from music. The singer confirmed she will indeed take a break from pop and plans to start a record label for new artists. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Mix of Six

The Nutcracker

When: Friday, 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: Southam Hall, the National Arts Centre

Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's The Nutcracker and the Mouse King, Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet's The Nutcracker tells the story of young Clara's Christmas fantasy. All performances feature the NAC Orchestra under the baton of Tadeusz Biernacki.

Countries Shaped Like Stars and Inclement Weather

When: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., plus a PWYC matinee at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre Studio, 1233 Wellington St. West

Created and performed by Nicolas Di Gaetano and Emily Pearlman. Tickets \$20 and \$30 at the box office or by calling 613-236-5196.

The Capital Chordettes and Quartets annual Christmas auction and concert

When: Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: Ron Kolbus Lakeside Gardens Centre

Ottawa's women's barber-shop chorus is presenting its annual Christmas craft auction and concert. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

Santa Shuffle Fun

Run and Elf Walk

When: Saturday, 10 a.m.

Where: Dow's Lake

Held in dozens of cities across Canada, the event is a fundraiser for the Salvation Army. For more information, visit www.santashuffle.com.

Talk to Santa

When: Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: The Canada Science and Technology Museum.

Santa will take a break to talk to young museum visitors. For more information, visit scientechnology.technomuseums.ca or call 613-991-3044.

Le grand bal de Noël

When: Sunday, 1:30 and 3 p.m. Where: The Panorama Room at the National Arts Centre

Presented by the NAC Orchestra and Jeunesse Musicales of Canada, the Kinderconcerts Series presents Le grand bal de Noël.

When: Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

Brothers

1 **FILM** This remake of a 2004 Danish film has all the stuff Oscar bait are made of. Director Jim Sheridan is an Academy heavyweight with six nominations under his belt. The story about a soldier who returns from Afghanistan with deep emotional wounds has gravitas and topicality. Stars Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal.

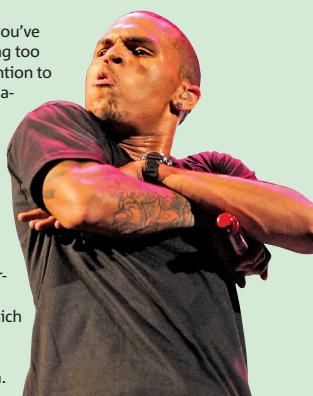
Public Enemies

2 **DVD** John Dillinger has never looked cooler on screen. Johnny Depp plays the Depression-era gangster in the Michael Mann film, which has some of the best gunfights ever committed to film — the kind in which you can feel the bullets stick. You may never want to go near a gun again.



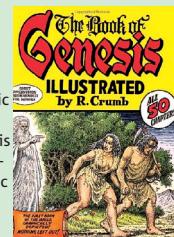
Graffiti: Chris Brown

3 **ALBUM** If you've been paying too much attention to the Rihanna-Chris Brown drama, it's time you faced the music. A week after the Umbrella Girl's new album Rated R comes Brown's bid to get back the R&B crown he's so close to losing. Of particular interest is the song Famous Girl, which according to many is about — yeah, you guessed it — Rihanna.



4 The Book of Genesis Illustrated by R. Crumb

BOOK Watch out all ye faithful! The agent provocateur of the comic world reworks the biblical origin story through his characteristic doodles in this 214-page book. Expect plenty of below-the-belt humour and near-pornographic artwork.



5 Avatar: The Game

GAME Avatar The Game is being touted as the future of movies. And Avatar The Game is being hyped as the future of movie games. Developed by Montreal studio Ubisoft, the game is the first to use stereoscopic 3-D and works as a prequel to the film, which hits theatres Dec. 18.



6 Muppets Bohemian Rhapsody

VIDEO Much like the Muppets took Manhattan, they have taken the web. Since debuting last week, the Muppet parody of the classic music video of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody has been viewed more than 8.6 million times on YouTube. Now there's a Twitter feed and Facebook page as well.

7 Tareq and Michaela Salahi

COPPLE The most famous gatecrashers in history are also currently one of the most talked about people in North America. A Salahi reality TV show can't be far behind.

Safety concerns prompt director's move

Authorities acted to protect Roman Polanski from public attention Thursday by moving him from a Zurich area jail to an undisclosed location before his transfer to house arrest in the Swiss Alps.

Polanski was taken from the jail in Winterthur for "security reasons and personal protection," Justice Ministry spokesman Folco Galli said.

Galli declined to say where the 76-year-old di-

rector was being held. But he told The Associated Press that Polanski was still expected to be taken to his chalet in the luxury resort of Gstaad on Friday afternoon.

"This doesn't change anything in principle," Galli said. "He will still be transferred tomorrow."

Polanski won't be allowed to leave his house while Switzerland decides whether to extradite him to the U.S. for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old

girl. He will have to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

The director of such film classics as Rosemary's Baby, Chinatown and The Pianist has been in Swiss custody since being arrested Sept. 26 on a U.S. warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival. Authorities in Los Angeles want him returned to be sentenced after 31 years as a fugitive.

Polanski was initially ac-

cused of raping the girl after plying her with champagne and a Quaalude pill during a modeling shoot in 1977. He was indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molestation and sodomy, but he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sexual intercourse. In exchange, the judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sent him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation.

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Film director Roman Polanski has been moved to an undisclosed location by authorities, the Swiss ministry of justice said.



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Bowler joins True Blood

Grant Bowler, fondly remembered as Wilhelmina's lamster lover Connor Owens on Ugly Betty, has been tapped to play Coot, the leader of a pack of werewolf bikers on the HBO series True Blood. ew.com



Going Out

McCartney promotes Meat-Free Mondays to European Parliament

Campaign aims to cut emissions generated by food industry

Paul McCartney took his Meat-Free Mondays campaign to the European Parliament yesterday, saying the power to halt global warming lies as much with individuals as with their governments.

McCartney met in Brussels with Rajendra K. Pachauri, head of the U.N.'s global climate change panel, and praised the virtue of skipping meat one day a week for the sake of the environment.

"I grew up as a kid not eating meat on Fridays," McCartney told reporters. "It was part of the rules of the school I went to."

At a time of concerns over global warming, McCartney added, there are "even more crucial reasons"



Musician and founder of Meat-Free Mondays Paul McCartney appears yesterday at the European Parliament in Brussels.

to skip meat.

The former Beatle and well-known vegetarian said the production of food — from farm to fork — accounts for 20 to 30 per cent of global green house gas emissions. Livestock production is responsible for around half of these

emissions.

Still, he admitted that his flight from London to Brussels — and on to Berlin for a concert later yesterday — had contributed to global warming.

"They haven't invented microphones that work on



candle power," he said. "I do everything I can. If I go for a car, I go for hybrid. I recycle."

Pachauri lauded McCartney's initiative, saying it "certainly makes the tasks of governments so much easier."

Earlier, Pachauri met with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, who said even if the global climate conference opening in Copenhagen next week does not yield a final accord it must "light the pathway to a legal agreement" on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Barroso said he was heartened that "around 90" government leaders are coming to Copenhagen for the Dec. 7-18 U.N. climate meeting.

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According to the UN the Sahel Belt South of Sahara is one of the areas where a large amount of the population could end up being climate refugees. People live on the edge of existence, so even small changes could have a dramatic impact. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Climate refugees coming

Go Green



Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed to living green for one year.

Committing to a green lifestyle

CELIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

INTERVIEW Switching off her fridge, Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed herself to 366 green changes for one year.

"I came up with the idea to overhaul my life in the most extreme green way possible and document what was and wasn't possi-



ble for other readers," said the author of *Sleeping Naked is Green*.

Can you explain the book title?

The idea is that if you aren't using pyjamas, you're creating less laundry and therefore require less detergent and water.

You did things like sell your car and gave up tampons. Are you still doing it?

I'm still keeping up about 75 per cent of my changes, but have let some things slide — I'll eat imported avocados now, for example, and blow my nose in disposable kleenex. **Where did you get the inspiration?**

I usually just looked around the room.

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Fleeing climate change

Catastrophe looms in Niger as people forced to leave



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El Hadj Ali Mago has his own definition of happiness: To see his family, his tribe and his cattle thrive and not having to move from place-to-place find enough grassland for the cattle.

This year his chances of happiness are slim. Here, at the edge of the Sahara desert in Niger, the rainy season stopped some weeks ago. There should be new, tall and green grass, the cattle — the foundation of both wealth and health here — should be in peak condition.

But the grass is almost non-existent, only little patches of short, yellow straws are scattered in the sand. And the ribs on the cattle are seen clearly.

"We may have to move, at least some of us. And I will have to sell some of the cattle, so we have chance of buying millet for people and food for the remaining cows," Ali Mago explains.

Large parts of the Sahel Region, the semi-dry area just below Sahara, are threatened this year, ac-



El Hadj Ali Mago is a wealthy man by local standards — owning over 100 cows.

50 50 million will be the total of climate refugees in just a couple of years, according to some reports.

cording to FAO, the UN food and agricultural organization.

Drought and famine are familiar crisis to Ali Mago and the other inhabitants of Niger. They are used to adapting to the climate. But in last few years it has changed.

"We would have a seri-

ous drought in this region every five or ten years. Now, the frequency is increasing, and there are only three years between the droughts in some areas. It doesn't give the population time to recover, to adapt," explains climate consultant Awaiss Yahaya from Care Niger.

But everywhere in the region empty remains of windblown villages speak of people who didn't come back. Sometimes there is nothing to come back to.

Sadly, the last adaption to climate change is flight.



Climate refugees

- Some reports estimate that the world will have around 50 million climate change refugees in just a couple of years. In 2050 that number could have increased to a billion people.
- Climate refugees have no status as refugees and are therefore not entitled to help.

- People flee climate change for several reasons, depending on the country they come from: Hurricanes, typhoons, famines, droughts, floods, landslides, resource wars.

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Has Kings of Leon singer found somebody he can use?

Three weeks after her split with country singer Chuck Wicks, Julianne Hough was spotted with Kings of Leon's Jared Followill at a Nashville bar. The pair cuddled at the Lipstick Lounge Tuesday night, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Celebrity Buzz

Are Jude and Sienna an item once again?

HE JUST CAN'T QUIT HER Jude Law and Sienna Miller have been denying they're back together, but sources say things have gotten very serious once again.

"Jude has told his ex-wife Sadie (Frost) that Sienna is



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Portman admits to trying pot

TOKIN' ACTRESS Natalie Portman has confessed to smoking cannabis, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress tried the drug in her 20s because she missed out on the usual experimental teenage experiences because she was making movies from the age of 11.



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Celebrity tweets

Today everyone has a different reaction to the Tiger Woods scandal: **Reggie Bush** goes after the other woman, **Jeremy Piven** doesn't want to talk about it, **Jim Carrey** tries some new material, and **Ciara** thinks the whole country has a problem..



@reggie_bush
This TRICK tryng 2 get famous off Tiger but funny thing is in a few weeks nobody will know her name! Then it's back 2 reality sweetly! Lol!

@jeremypiven
Just move on, let Tiger out of the woods.

@JimCarrey
type quickly...must be 1st to say it! "Tiger... next time use a driver!" if you didn't love that joke someone has stolen my phone.

@ciara
It seems like cheating is the new trend, and if you dont do it, it aint cool. what the hell is happening in America!!!??

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Did Orlando Bloom strip down in a Vegas restaurant?

SHOWOFFS Orlando Bloom must have been inspired by his Las Vegas surroundings because he put on a little show himself while dining with girlfriend Miranda Kerr at Palazzo's restaurant, baring a bit of flesh after an unfortunate encounter with a fellow diner's cocktail.

"A drink was accidentally spilled on Bloom's shirt," a source tells

Page Six. "Within 30 minutes, someone arrived with three brand-new shirts." Instead of slipping off to the restroom, Bloom made his choice at the table. "He took his stained shirt off and let everyone catch a glimpse of his body before putting on a white shirt."

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Ronnie Wood arrested for assault

OUT OF CONTROL? Ronnie Wood of the Rolling Stones was released on bail yesterday after being arrested for possible assault in southern England, police and his spokesman said.

Police in Surrey said a 62-year-old man from the town of Esher was arrested Wednesday night on suspicion of assault in connection with a domestic incident on Claygate High Street, south of London.

Police said he was bailed out on yesterday and he

will face further inquiries in January.

They did not release any details about the incident.

"I can confirm that there was an incident last night and that Ronnie Wood was arrested," said David Rigg, Wood's spokesman. "He has since been released on police bail."

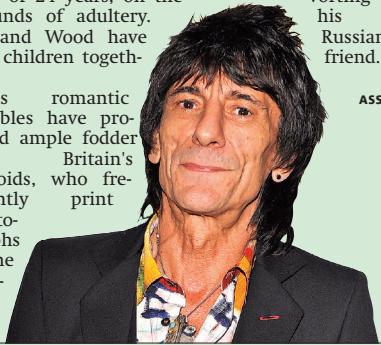
Wood's private life has been in turmoil for more than a year since he started a relationship with Russian Ekaterina Ivanova. That led to his divorce last

month by Jo Wood, his wife of 24 years, on the grounds of adultery. He and Wood have two children together.

His romantic troubles have provided ample fodder for Britain's tabloids, who frequently print photographs of the craggy,

aging rocker carrying with his young Russian girlfriend.

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Farrah's son cleaning up his act

and it looks like you did."

The 24-year-old actor replied: "I have been doing treatment for a while your honour. I want

Baxter's TV hubby speaks out about her revelation

FAMILY TIES The first person to laud Meredith Baxter for her decision to come out publicly as a lesbian is her TV husband, Michael Gross, people.com reports.

"She's one of my favorite people in the world, and I'm just thrilled that it's no longer a secret, and that's about the size of it," says

to do something different. I want to stay clear."

O'Neal — who has a history of drug problems — was arrested in September 2008 along with his father after authorities found methamphetamine at the actor's Malibu home.

The aspiring actor was then arrested in April this year for taking drugs into jail.

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Brady mum on gender of child

WHATEVER IT IS, I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE PLACES WITH IT

Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child, due this month, though only Brady knows if it's a boy or a girl.

"I wanted to find out and she didn't, so she said, 'Go ahead.' It will be a surprise for her," he tells WEEI Sports Radio. "I'm really the only one that knows at this point. My dad asked me. I haven't told him. It's a pretty good feeling knowing something that no one else knows."

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09 MAZDA CX-7 AWD, LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28801 15348km	06 ESCAPE XLT LOAD, A/C, ROOF, AUTO St# 28608 61451km	08 YARIS A/C, AUTO St# 28673 51824km	09 MATRIX LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28863 29372km	07 XTERRA AWD, A/C, LOAD St# 28383 61835km	07 LINCOLN MKX AWD, LOAD, ROOF, LTHR, AUTO St# 28761 41477km	06 EQUIINOX LS AWD, LOAD, A/C St# 27766 78063km
\$27,880 <small>\$231*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$15,980 <small>\$152** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$11,950 <small>\$102*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$16,850 <small>\$143** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$23,850 <small>\$203*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$29,860 <small>\$248*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$14,250 <small>\$136** BI-WEEKLY</small>
07 FORD F-150 FX4 TRITON 4X4, LOAD, AUTO St# 28870 48746km	05 NISSAN X-TRAIL SE 4WD, LOAD, ROOF, AUTO St# 28492 89696km	07 PATRIOT 4WD, LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28807 42211km	09 HONDA CR-V 4WD, LOAD, AUTO, A/C St# 28841 5078km	06 SIENNA LE LOAD, A/C St# 28385 76994km	07 SENTRA 2.0 A/C, AUTO St# 28886 57903km	06 OUTBACK LTD AWD, LOAD, ROOF, LTHR, AUTO St# 28335 55021km
\$25,890 <small>\$215*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$14,960 <small>\$164* BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$16,950 <small>\$144*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$26,680 <small>\$221*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$18,950 <small>\$180** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$11,950 <small>\$102*** BI-WEEKLY</small>	\$21,890 <small>\$208** BI-WEEKLY</small>
09 LANCER LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 90570-A 44412km	06 PONTIAC G6 LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28914 38072km	06 GRAND-PRIX AUTO, A/C St# 28948 75590km	07 MAZDA5 LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 10006-A 94314km	08 EXPLORER XLT 4WD, LOAD, A/C St# 28583 74681km	07 SILVERADO Z71 ELTSE, 4X4, LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28681 47928km	08 JETTA 2.5 LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28361 57739km
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06 VOLVO XC70 AWD, LOAD, ROOF, LTHR St# 28496 73178km	07 LEGACY AWD, LOAD, A/C, ROOF, AUTO St# 28575 79319km	05 SAAB 9-2X AWD, LOAD, A/C St# 28083 76141km	08 COBALT LS A/C, AUTO St# 27416-A 67002km	05 COROLLA CE STD St# 27659 95754km	05 MALIBU MAXX LT LOAD, A/C, ROOF, AUTO St# 28290 10017km	05 CIVIC SE A/C St# 27337 44158km
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08 PRIUS HYBRID LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28330 31618km	06 IMPREZA AWD, LOAD, A/C St# 28873 66990km	07 COBALT SS COUPE MNL, A/C, ROOF, CRUISE St# 28949 63339km	05 RELAY LOAD, A/C St# 28860 95561km	08 SPECTRA LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28902 62671km	05 MAZDA3 A/C St# 27498 99238km	05 UPLANDER A/C, AUTO St# 28653 55278km
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05 CADILLAC CTS AUTO, LOAD, A/C, CRUISE St# 28515 86991km	06 AUDI A6 3.2 AWD, LOAD, AUTO, A/C St# 27935 56271km	06 BMW 325 XI AWD, LOAD, AUTO, A/C St# 28306 N/A km	05 VIBE LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28463 105526km	06 SATURN ION LOAD, A/C, AUTO St# 28580 56099km	08 SWIFT A/C, AUTO St# 28906 58936km	07 RANGER SPORT STD St# 28945 60113km
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